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January 1, 1955—October 26, 1955

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CHARLES W. HARRIS, Chairman
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School Committee

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CATHERINE CARR, Secretary
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P. O. North Dighton

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ACCOUNT OF AUDIT

Mr. Herman B. Dine,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations & Taxation,
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Dighton for the period from March 15, 1953, the date of the previous examination, to February 19, 1955, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town treasurer and the town auditor.

The books and accounts kept by the town auditor were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded were checked with the departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds. The ledger accounts were analyzed, the appropriations as recorded on the ledgers were checked with the amounts voted by the town as shown on the town clerk's record of town meetings, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the amounts authorized by the finance committee, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1954.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded were analyzed and compared with the town auditor's books, with the records in the several departments in which money was col-

lected for the town, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the approved warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on February 19, 1955 was proved by verification of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds were deposited.

The payments of maturing debt and interest, as recorded, were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The outstanding coupons were listed and reconciled with the balance as shown by a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The records of employees' payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined and reconciled with the town auditor's ledger controls.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the transfers to the town were checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions were examined and checked. The transfers to the tax title account were checked with the tax books, the redemptions of tax titles were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, reconciled with the town auditor's ledger, and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The town and district taxes and the motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved with the warrants issued for their collection. The reported payments to the town and district treasurers were compared with the treasurers' cash

books, the recorded abatements were proved with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were checked with the treasurer's records of tax titles held by the town, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the controlling accounts in the town auditor's ledger.

The outstanding tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and the districts, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The commitments of departmental accounts receivable were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded were checked with the payments to the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town auditor's ledger controls.

The financial accounts of the town clerk pertaining to dog and sporting licenses issued were examined and checked, the payments to the State and to the town treasurer being verified.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of receipts of the selectmen, of the sealer of weights and measures, and of the police, school, and library departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts and with the town auditor's books.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, together with schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee conducted four meetings with the Selectmen and Department heads in preparation of the 1955 Budget. Three subsequent meetings were held to discuss use of appropriations, appropriation balances and to give permission to draw upon the Appropriated Reserve Account.

It should be clearly understood that the Finance Committee is strictly advisory in the establishment of the Town Budget and that the Town Meeting has the final decision. The Finance Committee is not responsible for the setting of the tax rate.

We emphasize the need of an overall committee to study the future growth of the Town and Town Departments. We believe a thorough study should be made of the future growth of the Highway, Police, Fire, and School Departments considering personnel, buildings, equipment and the money needs; as well as, all departments under elected Town Officials. Such a study should also take into consideration the Recreation needs of the Town and indicate a plan of development for it.

The Finance Committee is pleased to have been of service to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. HARRIS, Chairman,
LOUIS CONSTANTINE, JR., Sec.
ELLIOTT D. COLE,
WILLIAM HATHAWAY,
WILLIAM MARSDEN, JR.,
MILTON HORTON,
CARL P. GORDEN.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

Following the 1955 annual Town Meeting and election of officers, the Board of Selectmen, at an organizational meeting, voted to divide the chairmanships of the three boards for the best interest and purpose of efficiency and expediency of Town matters and business. Mr. Benevides was chosen as Chairman of Selectmen, Mr. Smith for the Board of Health and Mr. Atwood for Public Welfare and Clerk of the Boards.

Mrs. Isabel Burgmann requested and was granted a temporary leave of absence, and Miss Elizabeth Rose was appointed Temporary Town Office Clerk. On September 14, Mrs. Burgmann resigned and Miss Rose was appointed to fill the vacancy. However, Mrs. Burgmann is presently serving the Town Offices on a part time basis, and the arrangement is satisfactory under the present circumstances.

The Board held fifty-two weekly and twenty-seven special meetings. Save for vacation leave, attendance has been excellent. In May the Selectmen invited all Town Officials to a joint meeting for the purpose of discussing Town problems of mutual interest. All departments were represented and much good was gained. Two subsequent meetings were held, the last on November 2, 1955. These meetings allow Town officials to obtain first hand information and knowledge relative to Town business and needs. They have proven to be of great value to the Town in planning and maintaining public services.

Within the year the Board, in conjunction with Selectmen and Officials of adjacent towns, perambulated the common bounds as required by law every five years. The proper affidavits and necessary records have been filed and are in lawful order.

On July 21, employees of the General Bronze Company of North Dighton left their jobs on strike and thus began a conflict of two labor unions, C. I. O. and A. F. of L. and the management over policies which was to continue for seven weeks' duration. The Town, with no statutory power or authority to arbitrate or settle labor problems or disputes, adopted a neutral and hands-off policy. Every action possible was taken to peacefully settle the differences by an election. The Town was required to police the area in order to prevent threatened violence, quell disorder, and maintain peaceful picketing. This was done without incident of any serious degree or magnitude. The Reserve Police and Special Officer details, under the supervision of the Chief of Police, kept the peace and the Town is grateful for conscientious performance of duties of these police officers under those conditions as existed. Finally after six weeks of picketing and many attempts to settle differences, the National Labor Relations Board ordered an election to determine which union would be recognized by the employees and thus ended another labor dispute in the North Dighton industrial area.

On two occasions during the year, following receipt of hurricane warnings, the Board alerted all agencies for standby duty. After escaping any serious effects from "Connie" of August 13 and 14, "Dianne" drenched the area on August 19 and 20 with 10½" of rainfall within a thirty-two hour period. Roads and culverts and two bridges suffered serious damage from flooded streams and rivers. All agencies responded promptly and efficiently. The Street Department, with its men and equipment overtaxed, did an excellent job under Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Henry P. Goff. Many roads were closed. However, only Spring Street Bridge was closed for any extended time. Members of both the volunteer Fire Departments and the Reserve Police Officers commanded all available pumps and equipment in an attempt to protect lives and property. Town officials, Town employees, firemen, policemen, street department personnel, and

other citizens who participated in the various operations up to and after the crisis are deserving of public recognition and commendation. Many words and letters of gratitude were received expressing to the Town and its citizens thanks for the wonderful services rendered during and after the flood period. Fortunately, the dam in Norton held, which, had it failed, would have brought havoc and destruction of everything in its seaward course.

As an outcome of the flood, the Town, working with the U. S. Army engineers, County and State agencies and local area business interests, has filed with the State and Federal authorities requests for assistance in overcoming obstacles and improving the Three Mile River area, a detailed report of which is on record in the Town Office.

Requests were made to the State for emergency flood funds to repair the Spring and Elm Street bridges, which were damaged beyond our ability to repair. Public Works consulting engineers have surveyed and made plans for replacements, and bids and contracts for construction are in process.

The Town, through the Selectmen, filed a request with the Public Works Waterway Division for a survey of a proposed tide water gate at Muddy Cove. This gate would offer protection against the water flooding the area west of the railroad trestle. The Arnold Hoffman Co. and other business interests in the area supported the request by petition. State and Federal engineers are presently surveying the proposal and it is hoped that it may become a reality in the near future.

The Town, also through the Selectmen, filed and presented a request for a survey of the Harbor and Anchorage. The anchorage is not adequate and does not have suitable facilities to meet the demand, particularly during hurricane alerts when there are many craft to seaward of us desiring to take haven in our harbor. The Taunton Yacht Club, the Taunton River Power Squadron, The Taunton Association

of Commerce, local area yachtsmen and boating interests supported the Town petition for State and Federal assistance for this harbor and river improvement project.

Following the alert for hurricanes "Connie" and "Dianne", the Board directed the removal of the electric motor at the Dighton and Berkley Bridge as a safety precaution. This operation proved to be a costly and inconvenient one. As a solution to the situation, Dighton and Berkley selectmen petitioned the Bridge Division of the Department of Public Works for a survey. Funds to elevate the motor above the flood water level have been approved by the State and County under a Chapter 90 Maintenance project. The Town will determine whether it will provide its share at the 1956 annual meeting.

The Town is faced with many critical drainage problems at various locations. The abnormal rainfall and subsequent floods within the year have overtaxed the drainage facilities and alerted us to the need of further drainage corrections. Therefore, the Selectmen, together with the Public Works engineers have programed a schedule for future drainage installations. The proposd drainage plan at Center Street near the railroad bridge was not started due to legal technicalities involving the New Haven Railroad. However, it has priority over other projects and should be attempted in the spring after proper easements are obtained. In order to better maintain the present drainage facilities, the Selectmen approve of the purchase of mechanical equipment for the highway department and will so recommend at the annual Town meeting.

The Town voted funds for a new tractor-loader and this has been purchased. The Board solicited proposals and after attending the demonstrations of various types and models, purchased a Ford diesel front end loader from the Baker Tractor Company in the amount of $2995. This equipment enabled the department to better handle many highway operations.

The South School dismantling project was completed and the area filled and graded. Local citizens and youth leaders have organized a group to offer recreational and athletic facilities for the area youth. The Selectmen are in accord with this movement and are enabling the Town to vote on an article to see if the location will be established as a public playground. The boundary fence along the south and east bounds has been partially rebuilt as it was a menace and danger to the safety and well being of those using the area. Additional funds will be requested to complete the repairing and rebuilding.

The South Dighton fire station was reroofed, repainted both interior and exterior, and general repairs made with funds appropriated by the Town. Specifications were prepared, bids called for, and a contract written with Mr. Charles Gilbert, a local jobber who was the lowest bidder. The work has been satisfactorily completed and the station is now in good order and condition.

The purchase of radio apparatus for the use of the fire department has been completed and is in full operation. Processing is now underway for the purchase of duplicating equipment with the Civilian Defense agenty matching funds program. This installation will provide the department with full radio communication facilities and greatly improve the efficiency of the fire department's operation and service.

The schedules of highway work under the 1955 program were not fulfilled because of emergencies and weather conditions. However, those projects planned and approved will be carried over into 1956 schedules. To meet and fulfill demands and requirements of the Town's program, additional personnel and equipment should be provided. The Board has prepared and will submit a request to the Town for consideration of appropriations to accomplish these highway needs of surfacing, drainage and general maintenance.

The Williams Street extension has been started. The contract for the job was awarded to the Ralph Vickery Co.

of Attleboro. Unfavorable weather conditions have necessitated the postponement of this and all other scheduled construction projects in the area.

The Town voted authority to the Selectmen at the 1955 Town meeting to take such legal action necessary to make Muddy Cove crossing a public way. The New Haven Railroad authorities closed the crossing on May 23, 1955 without warning or notice, with "economy" as the reason presented. The Selectmen, on behalf of the Town and petitioners, immediately took steps to have the crossing reopened as a public convenience and necessity. A layout of the extension and crossing has been made. the County Commissioners petitioned to lay out the crossing in accordance with statutory provisions, and the question goes to hearing on February 21, 1956 at the County Court House in Taunton, Mass.

The Board has within the year prepared and enacted rules and regulations for enforcement of the Soil Conservation By-Law as accepted by the Town. These may be obtained from the Town office.

The Town's Traffic Rules and Orders have been revised to meet the changing conditions within the Town. Publication of the revisions will be forthcoming, pending approval of the director of Traffic Control of the Department of Public Works.

The structure of the Police Department was completely reorganized to conform with the authority voted to the Selectmen by the Town in accepting Section 97 of Chapter 41. Suitable rules and regulations have been adopted and wage rates and schedules established as provided under the Statute.

Two of Dighton's outstanding citizens and Town officials departed from us within the year. On May 31, 1955, death took Mr. Frank Torres who had served the Town as registrar of voters and dog officer for many years. His pass-

ing was a decided loss to the Town, as he had participated in many civic activities and organizations. Mr. Eugene Perry was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy on the Board of Registrars caused by Mr. Torres's death.

On October 26, 1955, Mr. Willis F. T. Barlow, a member of the Board of Assessors, Police Officer and Deputy Fire Chief of the South Dighton Fire Department, passed away suddenly. Mr. Barlow had served the Town faithfully for many years and his sudden passing was a shock to the community. The Board of Assessors and Selectmen in joint session chose Mr. Roy F. Walker as Mr. Barlow's successor until another may be elected.

Town officials are aware of the transformation of industry within the Town and the consequential effect upon the Town, its citizens and the public services. The pattern in Dighton is changing. There has been and are ever-increasing transfers of property, building and population. However, this increase is fortunately gradual and the establishment of proper controls and planning will allow orderly and efficient public services and agencies to exist and change with the demands. Only by cooperation and coordination of all Town agencies will Dighton be able to provide those servies needed, for a cost within our ability to meet and fulfill.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,
Chairman,
EARLE M. SMITH,
CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The regular annual Town Meeting for the Election of Officers for the Town of Dighton was held on March 7, 1955. The meeting was called to order at 12 Noon by Elaine Varley, who had been appointed as acting moderator and sworn in by Percy B. Simmons, Town Clerk.

The balloting was under the supervision of the following Election Officers: Catherine Sherman, Elaine Varley, Selma Wall, Caroline Tripp, Hazel Reed, Idola Boucher, Lillian Deslauriers, Bernice Darling, George Rose, and James Bacon. The polls were closed at 8:04 P. M. Total number of votes was 1,075. The ballot having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Moderator for one year—Stafford H. Hambly.

Selectman for three years—Clayton H. Atwood.

Board of Public Welfare for three years—Clayton H. Atwood.

Auditor for one year—Stafford H. Hambly.

Town Treasurer for one year—Percy B. Simmons.

Assessor for three years—Harold M. Mendoza.

Tree Warden for one year—Henry P. Goff.

School Committee for three years—Catherine C. Carr and Wyman E. Hawkes.

Trustee of Public Library for three years—Lois L. Staples.

Planning Board for five years—Lester M. Briggs.

Planning Board for four years—Ernest H. Atwood.

Planning Board for three years—Wilfred A. Hathaway.

Planning Board for two years—George L. Phillips.

Planning Board for one year—Hamilton Sweet.

The regular annual town meeting was held in the Town Hall on March 14, 1955. Moderator, Stafford H. Hambly called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M.

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that at 10:30 we may consider adjournment to a future date.

VOTED: On motion of Charles Harris the reports of the Town Officers as printed and published in the 1954 Annual Town Report be accepted.

VOTED: On motion of Louis Constantine that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of $26,800 and the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of $33,500 to satisfy the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that Article 5 be acted upon in conjunction with Article 6.

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood to hear the report of the Finance Committee.

Report of Finance Committee given by Charles Harris.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the following sums necessary to defray Town charges and assessments as approved by the Finance Committee.

Account	Amount	Maker of motion
Elementary School Bonds	$25,000.00	Wyman Hawkes
Interest on School Bonds	8,690.00	Wyman Hawkes

School Department	222,498.00	Wyman Hawkes
High School Athletic Fund	1,350.00	Wyman Hawkes
Public Library	1,766.00	Earle Smith
County Retirement Fund	2,892.00	William Benevides
Civilian Defense	356.00	Earle Smith
Care of Town Elms	2,000.00	George Rose
Gypsy Moth Control	500.00	George Rose
Memorial Day Observance	150.00	Donald Costa
Veterans' Memorial Hall	990.00	Donald Costa
Police Department	5,338.00	Earle Smith
Fire Department	6,361.50	Donald Hathaway
Fire Dept.: Pump Account	495.00	Donald Hathaway
South Station Repair Acct.	1,000.00	Donald Hathaway
Street Department	4,500.00	Henry Goff
Street Dept.—Sidewalk Maintenance	600.00	Earle Smith
Chap. 81—Highway Fund	7,350.00	Henry Goff
Chap. 90—Maintenance	1,700.00	Henry Goff
Chap. 90—D. & B. Bridge Main.	280.00	Henry Goff
Dighton & Berkley Bridge	1,000.00	Henry Goff
General Relief Adm.	2,200.00	Earle Smith
Aid to Dependent Children	3,500.00	Earle Smith
Disability Assistance	3,200.00	Earle Smith
Old Age Assistance	32,000.00	Earle Smith
Public Welfare Dept.	5,000.00	Earle Smith
Veterans' Benefits	7,500.00	Bella Boucher
Board of Health	3,600.00	Earle Smith
Care of Town Dumps	2,000.00	Earle Smith
General Government:		
Assessors' Dept.	3,400.00	Charles Harris
Auditing Department	753.00	Charles Harris
Dog Officer's Account	190.00	Charles Harris
Election and Registration	1,160.00	Charles Harris
Selectmen's Dept.	2,459.00	Charles Harris
Town Clerk	1,230.00	Charles Harris
Town Collector	2,124.00	Charles Harris

Town Treasurer	1,793.00	Charles Harris
Town Office Incidentals	4,250.00	Charles Harris
Town Insurance Account	5,667.56	Charles Harris
Hydrant Rental Account	1,740.00	Charles Harris
Tax Title Account	250.00	Clayton Atwood

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate and transfer from the surplus revenue account to a 1954 Bills Account the sum of $2,518.27 as provided under Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General Laws. Unanimous vote.

VOTED: On motion of Charles Harris that the salaries of the elected Town Officials as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the year 1955 as follows:

Board of Assessors:		
Chairman	$ 700.00	
Clerk	500.00	
Others	600.00	each
Town Auditor	600.00	
Board of Health:		
Chairman	200.00	
Others	100.00	each
Board of Public Welfare:		
Chairman	200.00	
Others	100.00	each
Board of Selectmen:		
Chairman	1,000.00	
Others	500.00	each
Moderator	20.00	
School Committee Secretary	25.00	
Town Clerk	600.00	
Town Collector	1,500.00	

Town Treasurer	1,150.00
Tree Warden	35.00

VOTED: On motion of Charles Harris that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of $5,000 from the Reserve fund (Overlay Surplus) to Reserve Account—Appropriated, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

VOTED: On motion of Henry Goff that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of $1,900 from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Account, of which $1,600 will be for Maintenance expenses of Town owned highway equipment and $300 for the purchase of a new power saw.

VOTED: On motion of Peter Tuttle that the Town appropriate the Dog Tax Refund in the amount of $474.21 for the use of the Elementary School Library Account.

VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the sum of $39,935 to Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County for Chapter 81 and 90 Maintenance and Chapter 90 Road Construction.

VOTED: On motion of William Hathaway that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

VOTED: On motion of Earle Smith that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction or private sale or lease all

properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

VOTED: On motion of Louis Constantine that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction with the 1955 Highway program under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90.

VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town establish the compensation of laborers employed by the Town in the highway department at $1.25 per hour and $1.60 per hour for the Superintendent of Streets.

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of $7,500 as the Town's share to complete the construction of Williams Street as provided under the Chapter 90 Highway Program for 1955.

VOTED: On motion of Earle Smith that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000 for the purchase of a new tractor loader for use of the Town Highway Department.

VOTED: On motion of Henry Goff that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of $5,000 for the purpose of gravelling and improving Town roads.

VOTED: On motion of George Riley that the Town, pursuant to a petition of Stafford H. Hambly and others, lay-out, accept, and establish "Baylies Street", as a public highway, a description of which is contained in a lay-out dated January, 1955, together with a Quit-Claim Deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

VOTED: On motion of Joseph Allie that the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to take the necessary legal action whereby the Town may accept the extension of Muddy Cove Lane as a public way.

VOTED: On motion of Albert Enos that the Town au-

thorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to parcel, convey and sell for the consideration of all liabilities incurred, to the present owners of abutting lands, that strip of land known as the "railroad bed" located north of Hart Street, west of Pleasant Street, east of County Street, and south of Muddy Cove Lane as described in a deed issued to the Town by the Trustees of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company and dated September 25, 1945.

VOTED: On motion of Mrs. Walter Candelet that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the provisions of Section 15A, Chapter 40, General Laws, to establish the land and building formerly used for School purposes, known as the Segreganset School located on Somerset Avenue, as a Civic Center for the purpose of public and civic services.

VOTED: On motion of Earle Smith that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $600 to defray costs of installation of water and other sanitary facilities in the newly established Civic Center.

VOTED: On motion of George Rose that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $250 for the purpose of maintaining during the ensuing year, the mosquito control works as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

VOTED: On motion of William Hathaway that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to parcel, convey and sell to the owners of abutting lands, a tract of Town owned land formerly used for school purposes, located on Prospect and Chase Streets and described in a lay-out as filed with the Town Clerk, for the consideration of an amount to be determined by a board of appraisers.

VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town,

as provided under Section 15A, Chapter 40, General Laws, establish as a public playground to be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, that section of Town owned land formerly used for school purposes, located on School Street and described in a lay-out as filed with the Town Clerk.

Report of the School Building Needs Committee of Dighton given by Walter Candelet:

REPORT OF SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE OF DIGHTON.

By vote of a special Town Meeting held on December 29, 1954, a committee to study the building needs of both the Dighton Elementary and High schools was created, with instructions to report its findings to the next Annual Town Meeting. The following persons were subsequently appointed by the moderator: Mrs. Stafford Hambly, Mrs. Arnold Shaw, Mr. Earle Smith, Mr. Wyman Hawkes, Mr. Stuart Arnold, Mr. Walter Candelet, Mr. Caesar Araujo, Mr. Robert Bradshaw, and Mr. Thomas L. Warren.

The committee held six meetings during which the school buildings were inspected, and the following were interviewed: Mr. Edward H. Gillespie, Principal of the High School; Mr. Oliver J. Collard, Principal of the Elementary School; Mr. Charles F. Day, Director of the Vocational School; Mr. Leslie Nutting of the Vocational Department of the State Department of Education; and Mr. Israel T. Almy, Architect.

As a result of the interviews, it was found that Dighton High School is now handling as many students (300) as possible. The enrollments of the elementary grades of Dighton, Freetown, and Berkley are of such a size that the prospective number of pupils who would like to enter Dighton High will increase each September for many years to come.

The Vocational School has been hampered for some time by the lack of adequate space and facilities for the operation of the best program possible. In the wood shop

much more space per pupil is essential if each boy is to perform to the maximum of his ability and in safety. Pupils in the automobile shop must do all welding and spray painting out-of-doors and, therefore, these types of work are subject to the vagaries of the New England weather. This committee is unanimous in the opinion that vocational education is of the utmost importance and should continue to be carried on in Dighton, and if anything, expanded, for it was found by talking with personnel managers of local industries that there is a great need for vocationally trained men in our own and surrounding communities.

The removal of the town offices from the High School would make available space which is vitally needed for school purposes. The report of the High School Principal for 1954 goes into this in great detail.

The possibility of renting or purchasing the garage formerly owned by the Mount Hope Company for use as a vocational school, town offices, and storage of street department equipment was investigated, but the cost was far in excess of what was considered worthy of consideration.

The Elementary School, though only in its third year of operation is already crowded. There are now three first-grade classes with an average of 27 pupils; three second-grade classes with an average of 23 pupils, and two third-grade classes with a total of 71 pupils. Should present enrollment trends continue, and there is every indication that they will, it will soon be necessary to have three sections of each grade rather than two which is now true of grades 3 to 8, for as groups become larger than 25, particularly in the lower grades, the learning progress of each pupil lessens.

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	27	22	37	32	29	35	28	23
	27	23	40	36	29	35	29	24
	27	24						

Total—523.

It becomes readily apparent that it will soon be necessary to make a sizeable addition to the Elementary School, or remove the pupils of grades 7 and 8 from the building and start a junior high school comprised of grades 7 to 9.

If the present high school continues to be used as such, it will be necessary in the very near future to add eight classrooms and a separate gymnasium to the present elementary school, 43% of this cost would be paid by the state. However, if Dighton becomes a partner in a regional high school district, the present high school could be used as a junior high school, and only a small addition would have to be made on the elementary building. Financially, because of the greater state reimbursement for regional schools, it would be less expensive for Dighton to follow the latter plan.

Possible Courses of Action:

The committee, after more than twenty hours of intensive study and discussions offers the following possible courses of action for the townspeople to consider:

1. Dighton High for residents of Dighton only. If this were done

   a. The student body would be too small for proper grouping such as college English, general English, etc. In terms of good education, this would be a very poor arrangement. This condition would be true until about 1962 at which time there would be approximately as many pupils as we now have.

   b. Eventually the high school would be too small for even Dighton residents and it would be necessary for Dighton alone to build a new high school.

   c. A new addition for the vocational school should be built in the rear of the high school. The cost of this building, which would provide adequate space for a wood shop, related classrooms, and an auto shop

with the required space for welding and spray painting, would be about $75,000, of which the state would reimburse 43%, or $32,250. This net cost of $42,750 could be taken from the excess and deficiency fund and thereby save any cost of borrowing.

Should the high school be used as a junior high school, the proposed new vocational building could be used as an industrial arts shop for the pupils of grades 7-9, or for other town purposes.

d. An elementary addition of six regular classrooms and two classrooms for special education (a requirement resulting from a law passed in 1954) plus a separate auditorium would be required as soon as it could be planned and built. The cost of this would be about $300,000, 43% of which would be reimbursed by the State.

2. Retain the pupils of Berkley and Freetown for a period of about five years and then operate the high school for Dighton residents only. This would have the following results:

a. The town offices would have to be moved within a year, and a new vocational addition built in order to provide sufficient classroom space in the present building.

b. The elementary addition spoken of in Section 1 would still be necessary.

c. Again, in about eight years, Dighton would have to build a new high school, at a very great cost.

3. Continue to accept the tuition pupils from Freetown and Berkley, and begin immediately to study the possibility of becoming a partner in a Regional School District, the purpose of which would be to build and operate a re-

gional high school. The results of this would be:

a. Removal of the town offices.

b. Construction of a vocational building.

c. Use of the present high school as a junior high school when the regional high school became operative.

d. Addition of two rooms on the elementary school at an approximate cost of $35,000, less 43%, rather than eight rooms and an auditorium for about $300,000, less 43%.

The decision of the committee is that financially and educationally the school building needs of the Town of Dighton may best be served by following plan number three, because of the added reimbursement given by the State for a regional school, plus the fact that other communities would be sharing the costs.

Advantages of a Regional School District:

A regional school has the following advantages:

a. All pre-construction costs such as the preparation of preliminary and final drawings as well as engineering costs are paid by the State.

b. 65% rather than 43% of the cost of construction will be paid by the State.

c. A bigger school offering a much more diversified program may be built, and yet at a lower cost to each participating community.

d. Each town in a Regional School District receives 15% more general school aid than it would if it were not in a regional. This year this would mean about $5,632 to Dighton. In later years as the enrollment grows this amount would increase.

e. All transportation costs of a region are reimbursed by the State. This would amount to approximately $750 more reimbursement in 1954-1955 for Dighton and increase as the number of secondary pupils increased.

f. Cost of Regional School.
If a regional high school sufficient in size to accommodate the pupils of grades 9-12 of Dighton, Rehoboth, Freetown and Berkley were built it would cost approximately $2,000,000. The State's share of this, including all pre-planning costs and 65% of all other costs would be $1,335,000.00. Dighton's share of the net cost of the region would be 35.4% of $665,000.00, or $235,410.00. The yearly payment for this on a 20-year bond issue would be $11,770.50 plus interest.

g. If Dighton were in a regional school district it would pay only the actual per pupil cost for annual operational expenses, whereas under the present arrangement it pays more than this cost in order to maintain its own high school.

COMPARATIVE COSTS OF PROPOSALS.

1. Dighton High for Dighton pupils only (immediately):

a. Vocational Building—$75,000, less State reimbursement, 43%	$ 42,750
b. Elementary addition—$300,000, less 43% State reimbursement	171,000
c. Eventual cost of a new high school or extensive additions and alterations to present building approximately (less 43% State reimbursement)	427,500

d. Loss of tuition fees for the next five years	155,000	plus
Total	$796,250	

2. Dighton High for Dighton Pupils only (1960):

a. Vocational buildings as in 1a	$ 42,750
b. Elementary buildings as in 1b	171,000
c. Cost of a new or renovated high school (1963)	427,500
Total	641,250

3. Regional High with present Dighton High used as a Junior High:

a. Vocational Building as in 1a	42,750
b. Regional High	235,410
c. Elementary addition, two rooms—$35,000, less 43%	19,950
Total	$298,110

VOTED: On motion of Stuart Arnold that the report of the Dighton School Needs Committee be accepted as a report of progress, and that the committee is hereby instructed to further its study and to explore the feasibility of the establishing of a regional school district consisting of towns adjacent to the Town of Dighton and to investigate the needs of expansion of the whole Dighton School System, including the Elementary School, High School and Vocational School, and to report back at the adjourned Town Meeting.

VOTED: On motion of Miss Helen Lane that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $100 for the purpose of marking and preserving historic spots within the limits of the Town.

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the meeting be adjourned to 7:30 P. M. on May 2, 1955.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

The adjourned Town meeting from March 14, 1955 was held on May 2, 1955 in the Town Hall and was called to order by Stafford H. Hambly, Moderator at 7:30 P. M.

VOTED: On motion of William Benevides to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Earle Smith to reconsider Article V.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Clayton Atwood to amend the established vote to read thus: That the salaries of the elected Town Officials as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the year January 1 to December 31, 1955.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of William Benevides to take up Article 6.

VOTED: On motion of Earle Smith to hear the report of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Charles Harris gave the report for the Finance Committee stating that each requested change in the appropriations had the approval of the Finance Committee, as the exact figures for some of the accounts were not known at the time of the Town Meeting in March.

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of William Benevides to reconsider the 1954 Bills Account.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town amend the vote as established to read thus: that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account $2,615.23 for the 1954 Bills as provided under Chapter 44, Section 64.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Earle Smith to reconsider the Retirement Fund appropriation.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town raise and appropriate $2,892.20 for the County Retirement Fund thus amending the vote as established.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of William Benevides to reconsider the Town Insurance Appropriation.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town amend the established vote in the insurance account to read thus: that the Town raise and appropriate $5,803.86 for the Town Insurance Account.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of William Benevides to reconsider the South Station Repair Account appropriation.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town amend the established vote to read thus: that the Town raise and appropriate $1,600 for the South Station Repair Account.

VOTED: To hear the report of the School Building Needs Committee.

The report was given by Walter Candelet: The Committee has recommended that the Town Offices be removed from the Town building so that the incoming classes in 1956 will be able to use those classrooms. Also, a new vocational building be built so we can use those rooms in 1956. Then, we have considered the regional high school which will take time to get under way. We recommend that we continue to accept the tuition pupils from Freetown and Berkley, and begin immediately to study the possibility of becoming a partner in a regional school district, the purpose of which would be to build and operate a regional high school, and that we use the present high school as a junior high school when the regional high school becomes operative.

VOTED: To recess adjourned Town meeting to 8:00 P. M.

Warrant for Special Town Meeting was then read by Stafford H. Hambly, Moderator.

VOTED: To recess the Special Town Meeting at 8:09 pending completion of the adjourned Town meeting.

VOTED: To incorporate the report of the School Building Needs Committee with the report given at the previous meeting.

VOTED: On motion of Earle Smith to accept the report of the Chairman as a report of progress and authorize the committee to further continue its study.

VOTED: To recess adjourned Town meeting and reopen special Town meeting.

VOTED: On motion of Walter Candelet to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a Regional School District Planning Committee, to consist of the three members, including one member of the School Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws as amended.

VOTED: On motion of Charles Harris to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder the old Town owned ambulance.

Stafford Hambly appointed the Regional School District Planning Committee as follows: Wyman Hawkes, Walter Candelet, and June Hambly.

VOTED: To adjourn Special Town Meeting at 8:18.

Stafford Hambly appointed the following to the Finance Committee of the Town of Dighton to serve until the final adjournment of the 1956 annual Town Meeting: Elliott D. Cole, Louis Constantine, Charles W. Harris, William F.

Hathaway, William Marsden, Jr., Carl P. Gorden, Milton F. Horton.

VOTED: To adjourn without date at 8:20 P. M.

The results of the State census as of January 1, 1955 are: Precinct A, 1,308; Precinct B, 683; Precinct C., 1,324. Total—3,315.

The following appointments were made by the Selectmen for the year, each being duly sworn to faithful performance of duties thereof:

Agent of Board of Health: Charles A. Carlstrom, Percy B. Simmons.

Auctioneer: John W. Synan.

Civil Defense Director: Stafford Hambly.

Constables: Charles A. Carlstrom, Raymond Horton, Percy B. Simmons, Arthur F. Sprague.

Constable for Somerset Water Works: Henry Reckord.

Dog Officer: John Medeiros.

Election Officers: Anna C. Simmons, Catherine Sherman, Dorothy Donnelly, Selma Wall, Leland Pierce, Elaine O'Connell, Ervin Barney, Evelyn M. DeSilva, Cora B. Barry, Elaine Varley, Caroline Tripp, Helen Atwood, Mary M. Perry, Yvette Alves, Lillian Deslauriers, Ruth Leeming, James Bacon, Jr., Louise Catabia, Hazel Reed, Florence I. Perry, Bernice Darling, George W. Rose, Florence Sprague, Irene S. Goulart, Agnes Murray, Mary Allie, Muriel J. Carey.

Fence Viewers: Willis Barlow, Raymond Horton, Harold Mendoza.

Field Driver and Pound Keeper: Raymond Horton.

Fire Department Chief: Donald B. Hathaway.

Fireman-Deputy Chief: John Stanley, Willis Barlow.

Forest Warden: Donald B. Hathaway.

Gypsy Moth Superintendent: George W. Rose.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw.

Harbor Master Assistant: Martin Bergstrom.

Inspector of Animals: Lester Briggs.

Inspector of Milk: Henry G. Crapo.

Inspector of Slaughtering: Arthur F. Sprague.

Measurer of Wood: Raymond Horton.

Police Department Chief: Charles A. Carlstrom.

Police Department Lieutenant: Charles Mason.

Public Weigher (Dighton Industries): Frank Miguel, Antone Raposa.

Public Weigher (Arnold, Hoffman Co.): Wendell Carey, Arthur O. Gove, Dalton T. Maynard.

Registrars of Voters: Elliott Hathaway, Eugene Perry.

Reserve Police Officers: Harry F. Willis, Anthony Andrews, Charles Mason, Benjamin C. Sherman, Manuel Francis, Karl Spratt, Jr., Tobias Freitas, William Ashcroft, Walter Plonka.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: Donald B. Hathaway.

Special Police Officers (Dighton Industries): Lester Hayes, Harry McConville, George Nickerson, Leon Talbot.

Special Police Officers (General Bronze Co.): Frank Torres, Raymond V. Flanagan, Manuel Gracia, Lawrence Barrow, Leo Dupre, Raymond Rigby.

Special Police Officers (Arnold, Hoffman Co.): Burton Simmons, Milton Chace, David Rebello, Manuel White, Sr.

Special Police Officer: (North Dighton Bank): Stafford Hambly.

Special Police for duration of Bridge Repairs: William Rapoza.

Special Police Officers: Ervin Barney, Frank Cambra, Francis W. Buckley, Charles Gracia, Samuel Pine, Anthony N. Sylvia, Earl W. Rose, Frank Virdinlia, Thomas Nelson, Edward Torres, Albert Reed, John Ingham, John A. Medeiros, John R. Stanley, George A. Perry, Maurice Boucher, Louis Carr, Edgar Standring, Raymond Horton, Joseph Dupont, Joseph R. Perry, Antone P. Dupont, Louis Gracia, Arthur Alves, Louis White, George Gracia, Cassius Cummings, George Goulart, George Rubadou, William Duarte, Levite Carrier, Frank C. Souza, Isaac Wilson, Arthur Contildes, Willis Barlow, Warren Jones, Arthur E. Compos, Joseph Coelho, John Cambra, Anthony Costa, Raymond Costa, Byron Haskins, Howard Talbot, Edward Carpentier, Charles Brooks, Gerald Fleming, Charles A. Briggs, Esther Bowden, Malcolm Martin, Frank Gracia, Ernest Horton, Harold Sherrington, J. W. LeRoy Latimer.

Superintendent of Streets: Henry P. Goff.

Town Office Clerks: Isabel G. Burgmann, Elizabeth A. Rose.

Town Nurse and Policewoman: Esther Bowden.

Veterans' Agent: Theodore Boucher.

THE FOLLOWING LICENSES WERE ISSUED DURING 1955

All Alcoholic Club License:
Bristol County Assoc., Inc.

All Alcoholic Restaurant Licenses:
Thomas F. DiNucci, James H. and William E. McCarthy.

All Alcoholic Package Store Licenses:
Joseph Brazil, Jr., Mendoza Package Store.

Automobile Dealers' Licenses:
Milton Kossoi, Arthur I. Alves, Francis Bros. Garage, Ralph Simmons, Paul B. Lassen, William F. Benevides.

Cabin Licenses:
D. M. Angell, Fall River Girl Scouts, Nathan Ladd, Albert Enos.

Common Victuallers' Licenses:
Theodore Ladd, Raymond Simmons, Adelard Bouthillette, John Hilger 2, Peter Kossoi, Bristol Catering Co., Frederick Gracia, Thomas DiNucci, James H. McCarthy, William F. Durgin.

Denatured Alcohol Licenses:
Joseph Gomes, Carl P. Gorden, Paul B. Lassen, George H. Phillips.

Entertainment Licenses:
Albert Enos, James H. McCarthy, Martin C. Higgins.

Firearms:
Arthur Compos, William Raposa.

Garbage Collections:
Peter M. Texeira, Antone Souza.

Gasoline:
General Bronze Corp., Frank Sousa, Alfred Fisher, Taunton Yacht Club, Mt. Hope Finishing Co., Town of Somerset.

Ice Cream Manufacturers:
Theodore B. Ladd.

Junk Collectors:
Edward Jones, William Richard, Donald Rose, James M. Reed, Edward Gustafson.

Lord's Day:

Theodore Ladd, Joseph Gomes, Taunton Yacht Club, John Silva, William Benevides, Albert Enos, Peter Kossoi 2, Dighton Red & White, Clayton H. Atwood, Thomas DiNucci, Adelard Bouthillette, John Hilger, James McCarthy, Martin C. Higgins.

Milk Licenses (Stores):

Clayton H. Atwood, Peter Kossoi, Richard Parchesco and Clinton Rose, William Benevides, Albert Enos, Silva's Market, Adelard J. Bouthillette, Frederick Gracia, Thomas DiNucci, Bristol Catering Co.

Milk Licenses (Dealers):

H. P. Hood & Sons, Joseph Barros, Reise's Dairy, Inc., Devine's Milk Lab.

Oleomargarine Licenses:

Clayton H. Atwood, Peter Kossoi, Richard Parchesco and Clinton Rose, William Benevides, Devine's Milk Lab.

Sausage Manufacturer's License:

Manuel Borges.

Wine and Malt Beverages:

Bristol Catering Co., Manuel Francis, Gene Perry, Jr. 2, John Marques, Edward Pierce, John Torres 2, Alfred Francis, Jack Santos, St. Peter's Clambake, Jame Dunne.

A dog racing meeting license was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Assoc., Inc., beginning September 2, 1955 and ending October 29, 1955 from 7:00 P. M. to 12:00 midnight.

Attest:

PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN DIGHTON DURING 1955

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
2	Debra Ann Goulart	George L. and Laura Goulart
7	Claudia Kathleen Wynne	William B. and Muriel K. Wynne
14	Gay Lorraine Mercer	William F. and Edith M. Mercer
21	Betty Joan McClellan	Francis B. and Janice R. McClellan
24	Edna Ashley	Lewis W. and Dora E. Ashley
29	David Dwight Atwood	Ernest H. and Helen E. Atwood
FEBRUARY		
2	Wayne Andrew Crawford	Henry P. and Doris M. Crawford
9	Donna Marie Ferreira	Mariano G. and Delvina J. Ferreira
13	Stephen Alfred Cole	Alton H. and Elizabeth W. Cole
16	Robert Bruce McMackin	Norman R. and Charleen J. McMackin
22	Robert Lerch Seymour	Frank C. and Irene F. Seymour
25	William Murchie Shaw	Curtis F. and Jeanette Shaw
MARCH		
1	Charles James Bacon	Charles H. and Rose M. Bacon
5	Mark Robert Dumont	Robert Francis and Mary M. Dumont
8	Michael Owen Harrington	Roger M. and Ruth E. Harrington
16	Deborah May Horton	Leslie W. and Violet M. Horton
21	Stephen Antunes Leal	Julio and Emma Leal
25	Patricia Marie Slusarz	Francis and Helen M. Slusarz
APRIL		
2	Linda Louise Vaz	Alfred James and Helen L. Vaz
21	Norman Edmund Ross	Norman A. and Rosemarie A. Ross
MAY		
5	Wayne Albert Motte	Albert A. and Mary R. Motte
6	Jeffrey Allen Ashcroft	William F. and Barbara L. Ashcroft
6	Randall Scott Howarth	Marsden P. and Shirley V. Howarth
12	Elizabeth Ann Talbot	Herbert C. and Mary E. Talbot
16	Patricia May Pelletier	Omer and Jennie E. Pelletier
16	Leta Wilcox Woodward	Marshall M. and Mary C. Woodward
25	Gary Phillip Jones	Phillip W. and June L. Jones
28	Kenneth Joseph Araujo	Caesar and Agnes C. Araujo
JUNE		
1	Dennis Michael Mitchell	James F. and Barbara R. Mitchell
21	Paula Beth Costa	Frank E. and Mary L. Costa

24	Barbara Betsy Simmons	Ralph F. and Margaret M. Simmons
30	Richard Elliott Leonard	Russell D. and Ruth W. Leonard

JULY

2	Deborah Judith Horton	David P. and Olivia R. Horton
8	Paula Ann Meunier	Nelson C. and Shirley M. Meunier
17	Jean Marie Willette	William P. and Nancy K. Willette
19	Stanwood Kenyon Ingram	Harold W. and Frances C. Ingram
22	Joyce Marie Vincent	Joseph and Catherine E. Vincent
26	Arthur Thomas Alves	Arthur I. and Angelina M. Alves
29	Richard Sanford Martin	Richard K. and Catherine A. Martin

AUGUST

2	Timothy Webster Hauck	James J., Jr. and Joyce A. Hauck
8	John Patrick Clifford	Thomas T. and Margaret M. Clifford
8	David Silvia	Marion R. and Anna M. Silvia
16	Craig John Dutra	Lawrence D. and Merlyn Elaine Dutra
19	Rose Marie Tingley	Edward M. and Geraldine P. Tingley
30	Kathryn Jane Parchesco	Richard A. and Marion L. Parchesco

SEPTEMBER

2	William Joseph Corey	William H. and Mary E. Corey
3	Michael Edward Ferreira	Edward and Lorraine B. Ferreira
9	Melissa Jane Somes	Donald W. and Anita M. Somes
17	Louise Agnes Young	Edward W. and Amy R. Young
25	Wayne Edward Knapinski	Edward and Alice E. Knapinski
26	Deborah Ann Huisken	Arthur H. and Janet M. Huisken
27	Robin Barry	Richard B. and Olive A. Barry

OCTOBER

4	Leslie Jeanne Hodson	James F. and Annie B. Hodson
17	Patrick Windward Menges	Wilbur S. and Nina W. Menges
20	Stephen Charles Vincent	Frank and Ann A. Vincent

NOVEMBER

11	Malvina Anna Whitmore	Gerald and Dolly M. Whitmore
11	Mary Louise Fleming	James G. & Dorothy L. Fleming
13	Dean Barr Staples	Arnold and Louise L. Staples
25	Rose Marie Edgell	Jack G. and Helen R. Edgell
27	Kathy Jean Hayes	Allen S. and Betty A. Hayes

DECEMBER

9	Donna Ballou Buchanan	Donald H. and Elizabeth I. Buchanan
16	Michael Patrick Adams	William J. and Cornelia G. Adams
24	Holly Gertrude DeMello	Richard M. and Mary M. DeMello
31	Anne Marie Fleck	Joseph W. and Shirley B. Fleck

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING THE YEAR 1955

JANUARY

6 Joseph Morris of Dighton and Irene DeCambra of Somerset by Percy B. Simmons, Justice of the Peace.

APRIL

30 James Gracia of Dighton and Beatrice Carlos of Taunton by Edward A. Oliveira, Priest.

MAY

7 Anthony A. Isabel of West Bridgewater and Mary Ellen Donlon of Dighton by George Begnalia, Priest.

21 John Lema of Dighton and Mary Arruda of Somerset by August L. Furtado, Priest.

21 Lionel Moniz of New Bedford and Mary Cabino of Dighton by Joseph Gamson, Clergyman.

21 Raymond A. LaPointe, Jr., of Attleboro and Merryln R. Dunham of Dighton by Lester M. Johnson, Justice of the Peace.

JUNE

11 Francis Souza of Dighton and Dorothea Ann Rose of Taunton by Edward A. Oliveira, Priest.

11 George P. Silvia of Dighton and Roberta Salley of Rehoboth by John J. Casey, Priest.

18 William Burden of Taunton and Norma Crawford of Dighton by Joseph Gamson, Clergyman.

18 Sterling R. Reece of Denver, Col. and Ruth Milliken of Dighton by Andrew G. Rosenberger, Minister.

18 Richard A. Breed of Dighton and Elsie R. Wilbur Connolly of Dighton by David Buzzell, Minister.

24 Albert E. Peterson of Riverside, R. I. and Eufemia B. Calcagni of Providence, R. I. by Percy B. Simmons, Justice of the Peace.

25 Elmer Donati, Jr. of Bridgewater and Eleanor M. Perry of Dighton by Francis A. McCarthy, Priest.

25 Thomas J. Botelho of Fall River and Lorraine M. White of Dighton by Arthur W. Tansey, Priest.
25 Richard O. Angus of Dighton and Jean Carol Terry of Assonet by Charles F. Crist, Minister.
30 George D. Bump of Bridgewater and Lolamarie Townsend of Dighton by Wayne M. Philbrook, Minister.

JULY

2 George B. Souza of Somerset and Mary B. Torres of Dighton by Francis A. McCarthy, Priest.
5 James John Hauck, Jr. of Raynham and Joyce Ann Wyatt of Dighton by Gladys G. Downing, Justice of the Peace.
9 Donald Wilson Lloyd of Eastham and June E. Hixon of Dighton by James Holland Beal, Priest.
12 Harry Baxter-Green, Jr. of Dighton and Jeane L. Martin of Dighton by James Holland Beal, Priest.
18 Leo R. Laine of Dighton and Joan Reynolds of Dighton by N. May Child, Justice of the Peace.
23 Maynard F. Horton, Jr. of Dighton and Barbara M. Sears of Dighton by S. Howard Davidson, Minister.
26 Chester H. Hagen of Taunton and Bertha R. Romanowski McWilliams of Dighton by Clarence F. Gifford, Minister of the Gospel.
30 Robert D. Bleau of Dighton and Emily J. Haynes of Raynham by Thomas F. Walsh, Priest.

AUGUST

2 Francis Ferreira of Fall River and Jeannette Jusseaume of Dighton by Francis A. McCarthy, Priest.
6 Richard J. Dermody of Taunton and Ethel Baxter-Green of Dighton by John J. Griffin, Priest.
8 William E. Somerville of Dighton and Elizabeth A. Simmons of Dighton by Joseph Gamson, Clergyman.
11 Richard A. Fain of Weathersfield, Conn. and Natalie V. Chamberlain of Dighton by Richardson Reid, Clergyman.

13 Robert A. Booth of Dighton and Jacqueline A. Cummings of Dighton by Joseph Gamson, Clergyman.
13 Kenneth W. Cummings of Dighton and Rose Marie Goulart of Dighton by Thomas F. Walsh, Priest.
17 Maximino Nunez of Dighton and Hattie Walls of Dighton by Percy B. Simmons, Justice of the Peace.

SEPTEMBER

13 Francis William Riley of Raynham and Joan Estelle Tranter of Dighton by Gladys Downing, Justice of the Peace.
17 Donald R. Peck of Dighton and Barbara A. Jose of Assonet by John E. Boyd, Priest.
24 Joseph B. Lewis, Jr. of No. Falmouth and Joan L. Borden of Dighton by Thomas F. Walsh, Priest.

OCTOBER

7 Robert Paul Prado of Dighton and Joan Catherine Belenger of Taunton by Louis A. Woisard, Justice of the Peace.
12 George A. Dutra of Dighton and Maureen E. Welch of Gloucester by Stephen DeMoura, Priest.
15 William R. Grundy of Taunton and Lucille M. Carrier of Dighton by Thomas F. Walsh, Priest.
15 William M. O'Connell of Dighton and Patricia A. Blake of Norton by William O'Connell, Priest.

NOVEMBER

12 James Reed of Dighton and Joan Amaral of Taunton by Patrick H. Hurley, Priest.
24 William Avilla of Taunton and Evangeline Jeanne Rego of Dighton by Francis A. McCarthy, Priest.
26 Gilbert J. Lopes of Dighton and Anita Charron of Fall River by Rene R. Levesque, Priest.

DECEMBER

31 Charles Cabral of Dighton and Nancy Wickham of Taunton by Thomas F. Walsh, Priest.

31 Raymond T. Sylvia of Dighton and Monica Whelan of Fall River by Lester M. Johnson, Justice of the Peace.

31 Ralph M. Deane of Taunton and Barbara A. French of Dighton by Herman Johnson, Minister of the Gospel.

DEATHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR 1955

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.
JANUARY				
2	Dwight Freeman Lane	92	3	29
15	Carrie E. Lincoln	82	11	9
FEBRUARY				
1	Catherine Linden	44	1	11
7	Lucy Dean Clark	80	5	1
15	Surbinas Palmer Marble	59	0	18
20	Antone Perry Duarte	68	3	25
MARCH				
12	Manuel Perry	79	8	16
20	George Medeiros	14		
APRIL				
14	Leontine C. Rodier	78	11	25
21	Antone Perry Goulart	74	7	15
21	Norman Edmund Ross			2 hrs.
27	Annie G. Doyle	78		
MAY				
18	Anna C. Levinson	77	6	29
21	Ada Gibbs	66	8	11
31	Frank Torres	57	4	3
JUNE				
16	Charles Henry Handy	69	9	29
19	Robert F. Graham	83	5	11
23	Peter Taggart	80		
29	Herman H. Frost	45	9	24
JULY				
3	Viola G. Marston	86	2	29
18	Clinton M. Smith	72	5	11

29	Catherine A. Martin	34		
29	Richard Sanford Martin		Stillborn	
AUGUST				
17	Maude E. Pierce	71	8	5
SEPTEMBER				
2	Alice C. Glynn	48	0	25
10	Joseph A. Perry	61		
14	Winifred W. Greer	79	6	18
25	Thomas Francis Rose, Sr.	63		
25	Wayne Edward Knapinski			2
OCTOBER				
4	Carolyn M. Leddy	32		
7	William Everett Davis	91		
7	William Ingham	87	3	19
12	Charles Beck	61	2	8
12	Manuel B. Silvia	56	8	18
17	Antone V. Motta	72	11	26
OCTOBER				
23	Clarence Elgrith Dunham	53	6	27
26	Willis F. T. Barlow	56	6	17
NOVEMBER				
25	August Souza Raposa	64		
DECEMBER				
1	Mabel Peloquin	35	2	1
1	Elizabeth Alice Brown	1	4	0
4	Philip Edward Carey	8	9	6
5	John Brooks	79	5	9
10	John A. Morgan	60	9	21
15	Ida F. Hathaway	77	11	28
20	Florence C. Sprague	75	5	26
27	Hope Perry Hamilton	65	4	11

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUND

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit Dec. 31, 1954	Interest Received in 1955	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance Dec. 31, 1955
Harriet M. Briggs	$200.00	$216.42	$5.98	$222.40		$222.40
Submit Babbitt	50.00	57.40	1.58	58.98	1.00	57.98
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	130.72	3.61	134.33	2.50	131.83
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	224.84	6.20	231.04	2.50	228.54
Ebenezer Gay	50.00	54.99	1.50	56.49	2.00	54.49
William D. Goff	100.00	116.56	3.22	119.78	2.50	117.28
Bliss—Arthur A. Hathaway	200.00	220.51	6.10	226.61	2.50	224.11
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	168.97	4.66	173.63	2.50	171.13
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	182.06	3.65	185.71	3.00	182.71
Martha L. Smith	50.00	52.89	1.03	53.94	1.50	52.44
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	721.38	19.96	741.34	20.34	721.00
Sarah Babbitt	100.00	213.19	5.90	219.09		219.09
Joseph Gooding	142.75	182.69	5.04	187.73	6.00	181.73
Josephine G. Thaxter	100.00	119.80	3.30	123.10	4.00	119.10
William Walker	250.00	297.60	8.22	305.82	24.00	281.82
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	101.30	2.79	104.09	3.00	101.09
George H. Horton	100.00	187.33	5.17	192.50		192.50
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	213.70	5.90	219.60	3.00	216.60
Gilbert Strange	200.00	201.53	5.57	207.10	7.00	200.10
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	148.98	4.12	153.10		153.10

Emery White	100.00	105.03	2.90	107.93	3.00	104.93
Emeline Williams	100.00	100.27	2.77	103.04	3.00	100.04
Charles E. Carr	500.00	515.32	14.26	529.58	12.00	517.58
N. Allen Walker	150.98	289.77	8.00	297.77	12.00	285.77
Briggs Lot	125.00	207.83	5.74	213.57	15.00	198.57
Joshua Bliss	5000.00	5323.27	147.38	5470.65	100.00	5370.65
Bliss—Westcoat	200.00	218.79	6.04	224.83	3.00	221.83
David W. Francis	100.00	133.08	3.67	136.75	3.00	133.75
Albert F. Goff	50.00	53.92	1.07	54.99		54.99
Elbridge G. Francis	200.00	221.18	6.12	227.30	5.00	222.30
George E. Francis	100.00	166.60	4.59	171.19		171.19
Benjamin F. Goff	100.00	138.44	3.83	142.27	3.00	139.27
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	123.12	3.40	126.52	3.00	123.52
Ephira Goff	100.00	112.04	3.09	115.13		115.13
Truman N. Goff	100.00	137.35	3.79	141.14	3.00	138.14
Zenas H. Goff	200.00	245.98	6.79	252.77	3.00	249.77
John H. Harlow	100.00	109.92	3.03	112.95	2.00	110.95
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	111.63	3.08	114.71	3.00	111.71
John H. Horton	100.00	112.72	3.11	115.83	2.00	113.83
Nelson Horton	100.00	162.70	4.49	167.19	3.00	164.19
Job Paull	100.00	124.89	3.44	128.33	3.00	125.33
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	121.02	3.34	124.36	3.00	121.36
Etta Westcott	100.00	103.63	2.86	106.49		106.49
Westcott & McNally	200.00	213.33	4.28	217.61	5.00	212.61

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

Francis J. Wheeler	100.00	122.71	3.39	126.10	3.00	123.10
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	106.23	2.13	108.36		108.36
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	126.51	3.49	130.00	3.00	127.00
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	86.09	2.38	88.47	5.00	83.47
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	195.33	5.40	200.73	8.00	192.73
Nathan Walker	100.00	110.87	3.05	113.92	13.00	100.92
Wendell Weed	100.00	112.31	3.09	115.40		115.40
Williams Lot	100.00	180.36	4.98	185.34	4.00	181.34

JURY LIST — 1955-1956

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Barney, Austin	Retired	Wellington St.	Dighton
Bradshaw, Charles T.	Retired	Walker St.	No. Dighton
Brown, Lloyd W.	Presser	28 Park St.	No. Dighton
Brown, Marion	Housewife	73 Elm St.	Dighton
Catabia, Louise	Electronics Worker	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Cobb, John	Jewelry Supervisor	108 Cedar St.	Dighton
Cole, Elliot P.	Retired	Pleasant St.	Dighton
DeMello, Manuel S.	Farmer	School Lane	Dighton
Doraz, Anthony	Caretaker	55 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Doraz, Irene J.	Housewife	45 Pearl St.	No. Dighton
Ferreira, Mariano G.	Auto Mechanic	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Fisher, Alfred	Farmer	Elm St.	Dighton
Fitzmaurice, Peter	Stationary Fireman	41 School St.	No. Dighton
Frazer, Everett	Chauffeur	65 Bedford St.	No. Dighton
Gilbert, Charles	Painter	35 School St.	No. Dighton
Greenlaw, Henry	Purchasing Agent	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Harris, Charles W.	Salesman	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Harrison, Ella F. B.	At Home	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Hay, Anna J.	Practical Nurse	County St.	Dighton
Horton, Hazel W.	Housewife	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Horton, Raymond	Farmer	Wellington St.	No. Dighton
Ingham, Catherine R.	Housewife	110 School St.	No. Dighton
Knox, Jean A.	Housewife	Hart St.	Dighton
Mason, Charles H.	Maintenance man	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Pires, John	Farmer	Main St.	Dighton
Potter, Clinton T.	Poultry Farmer	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Rose, Thomas F.	Engineer	167 Williams St.	No. Dighton
Sherrington, Anna C.	Housewife	53 Chase St.	No. Dighton
Souza, Frank	Maintenance man	69 Winter St.	No. Dighton
Stafford, Elwyn	Hardener	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Vaz, Arthur	Farmer	110 Lewis St.	Dighton
Virdinlia, Frank	Plumber & Steam Fitter	25 Forest St.	No. Dighton

JURORS DRAWN DURING 1955

January 12, 1955—

Alan B. Brightman, Pleasant St., Dighton; chemical worker.

Susie M. Pierce, Winthrop St., No. Dighton; housekeeper-cook.

Roy F. Walker, 218 School St., No. Dighton; unemployed.

February 9, 1955—

Madelyn L. Rose, Cobb St., Dighton; cloth folder.

March 2, 1955—

Joseph Bell, 23 Stoddard Ave., No. Dighton; retired.

April 6, 1955—

John Gracia, Muddy Cove Lane, Dighton; chemical operator.

May 18, 1955—

James Ford, 90 Main St., Dighton; dye machine operator.

Theodore Ladd, Winthrop St., No. Dighton; ice cream manufacturer.

August 17, 1955—

Lloyd W. Brown, 28 Park St., No. Dighton; presser.

September 7, 1955—

John Cobb, 108 Cedar St., Dighton; jewelry supervisor.

October 5, 1955—

Irene J. Doraz, 45 Pearl St., No. Dighton; housewife.

Frank Virdinlia, 25 Forest St., No. Dighton; plumber and steam fitter.

November 9, 1955—

Arthur Vaz, 110 Lewis St., Dighton; farmer.

December 7, 1955—

Ella F. B. Harrison, Somerset Ave., Segreganset; at home.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

We herewith submit to the citizens of Dighton our Annual Report for the year 1955:

Appropriations

Town Appropriations	$383,519.56	
Appropriated from available funds	62,424.44	
Hurricane	1,181.75	
State Parks & Reservations	582.40	
County Tax	10,396.00	
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment	5,797.21	
Overlay	11,465.37	
		$475,366.73

Estimated Receipts

Income Tax	$43,982.21
Corporation Tax	32,466.00
Old Age Tax	941.32
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	35,263.80
Licenses	2,436.36
Fines	307.40
General Government	33.00
Health & Sanitation	162.00
Charities (other than Federal grants)	5,314.07
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal grants)	20,439.00
Veterans' Services	2,701.66
Schools	42,109.00
Libraries	41.56

Interest	1,367.36	
State Assistance for School Construction	11,792.02	
Rent Municipal Building	900.00	
Hurricane Reimbursement from State	1,063.57	
Overestimates on County Tax	50.60	
Overestimates on State Parks & Reservations	2.60	
Taken from available funds	62,424.44	
		$263,797.97
Total to be raised		$211,568.76

Value of Personal Property	$ 467,890.00	
Taxes assessed on Personal		$ 22,458.74
Value of Real Estate	3,894,917.00	
Taxes assessed on Real Estate		186,956.02
Number of Polls	1,077	
Taxes assessed on Polls		2,154.00
Total valuation	$4,362.807.00	
Total Taxes assessed		$211,568.76

Number assessed other than polls 990

Tax Rate—$48.00 per M.

Value of Assessed Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	$ 22,325.00	
Machinery	60,700.00	
Live Stock	38,527.50	
All Other Tangible Personal Property	346,388.00	
		$467,890.50

Value of Real Estate

Land exclusive of buildings	$ 646,360.00	
Buildings exclusive of land	3,248,557.00	
		$3,894,917.00
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		729,810.00
Total Taxes Assessed on Excise		32,211.14

Number of Live Stock

Horses	34
Cows	192
Bulls	1
Yearling steers	42
Yearling heifers	13
Swine	40
Sheep	47
Fowl	10,565
All Other	6
Acres of Land Assessed	12,789
Number of Dwellings Assessed	835

Dighton Water District

Appropriations	$ 42,512.58	
Overlay	452.17	
		$42,964.75
Estimated Receipts		19,758.71
Amount to be raised by taxes		$23,206.04

Value of Personal Estate	$ 267,052.00	
Assessed Taxes on Personal Estate		3,338.17
Value of Real Estate	1,589,385.00	
Assessed Taxes on Real Estate		19,867.87
Total Assessed Valuation of District	$1,856,437.00	
Total Taxes		$23,206.04
Total Number Assessed	418	

Tax Rate—$12.50 per M.

Dighton Electric Light District

Appropriations	$ 3,535.50	
Overlay	182.14	
		$3,717.64
Estimated Receipts		None
Value of Personal Estate	261,563.00	
Taxes Assessed on Personal Estate		562.46
Value of Real Estate	1,467,255.00	
Taxes Assessed on Real Estate		3,155.18
Total Assessed Valuation	$1,728,818.00	
Total Taxes		$ 3,717.64
Total Number Assessed	372	

Tax Rate—$2.15 per M.

North Dighton Fire District

Appropriations	$13,020.00
Appropriated in 1954 since 1954 Tax set	4,125.96

State Audit	101.96	
Overlay	173.29	
Gross Amount to be raised		$17,421.21
Estimated Receipts	$ 7,000.00	
Voted from available funds	4,125.96	
Total Receipts		$11,125.96
Net to be raised		6,295.25
Value of Personal Property	64,175.00	
Taxes Assessed on Personal Property		288.79
Value of Real Estate	1,334,672.00	
Taxes Assessed on Real Estate		6,006.46
Total Valuation	$1,398,847.00	
Total Taxes		$6,295.25
Total Number Assessed	243	

Tax Rate—$4.50 per M.

Exempted Property

Charitable Institutions	$ 89,934.00
Bristol County Agricultural School	307,610.00
Cemeteries	1,050.00
Schools	385,200.00
Personal Property of Religious Organizations	2,100.00
Somerset Water Department	31,000.00
Dighton Water District	281,250.00
Parsonages	15,450.00
Churches	117,700.00
Library	19,000.00

Fire Department	18,000.00
Police Department	5,000.00
Sealer of Weights	50.00
Highway Department	2,000.00
Civic Center	2,000.00
	$1,277,344.00

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD MENDOZA,
RAYMOND HORTON,
ROY WALKER.

REPORT OF GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Trees have been sprayed on the streets of the Town for Gypsy Moth as ordered by the Town and under State supervision at the cost of $590.00. The spraying was done by the State Tree Experts Co. of North Attleboro.

Fifty tests were made on elm trees suspected of Dutch Elm Disease in 1955 and 47 had to be cut down at the cost of $3,016.05. The trees were cut down by the Hixon Tree Company.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. ROSE,
Gypsy Moth Superintendent.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1952 Personal Due Dec. 31, 1955		$ 210.06
1953 Motor Excise Due Dec. 31, 1954	$ 32.94	
Added Interest	.52	
		33.46

Credit

Paid Treasurer	19.49	
Abatements	13.97	
		33.46

1953 Personal Due Dec. 31, 1954	240.27	
Added Interest	2.28	
		242.55

Credit

Paid Treasurer	41.85	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	200.70	
		242.55

1953 Real Estate Due Dec. 31, 1954	19,294.19	
Added Interest	187.43	
		19,481.62

Credit

Paid Treasurer	19,342.21	
Abatements	7.38	
Tax Title Account	132.03	
		19,481.62

1953 Poll Taxes Due Dec. 31, 1954	6.00	
		6.00

Credit

Paid Treasurer	2.00	
Abatements	4.00	
		6.00

1954 Motor Excise Due Dec. 31, 1954	4,072.05	
Added Interest	25.87	
Additional Warrants in 1955	855.20	
		4,953.12

Credit

Paid Treasurer	4,539.50	
Abatements	96.38	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	317.24	
		4,953.12

1954 Personal Due Dec. 31, 1954	1,416.57	
Added Interest	2.22	
		1,418.79

Credit

Paid Treasurer	1,145.31	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	273.48	
		1,418.79

1954 Real Estate Due Dec. 31, 1954	34,339.13	
Added Interest	888.76	
		35,227.89

Credit

Paid Treasurer	34,045.29	
Abatements	8.20	
Tax Title Accounts	131.21	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	1,043.19	
		35,227.89

1954 Poll Tax Due Dec. 31, 1954	20.00	
		20.00

Credit

Paid Treasurer	10.00	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	10.00	
		20.00

1955 Motor Excise Warrants	$32,211.14	
Added Interest	6.97	
		32,218.11

Credit

Paid Treasurer	28,382.81	
Abatements	883.71	
Balace Due Dec. 31, 1955	2,951.59	
		32,218.11

1955 Personal Warrant	22,458.74	
Added Interest	1.45	
		22,460.19

Credit

Paid Treasurer	21,961.47	
Abatements	9.60	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	489.12	
		22,460.19

1955 Real Estate Warrant	186,956.02	
Added Interest	22.24	
		186,978.26

Credit

Paid Treasurer	150,051.95	
Abatements	2,883.60	
Tax Title Account	673.60	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	33,369.11	
		186,978.26

1955 Poll Tax Warrant	2,154.00	
		2,154.00

Credit

Paid Treasurer	1,712.00	
Abatements	346.00	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	96.00	
		2,154.00

Dighton Electric Light District

1952 Personal Due Dec. 31, 1955		$ 8.55

1953 Personal Due Dec. 31, 1954	$ 13.16	
Added Interest	.31	
		13.47

Credit

Paid Treasurer	5.07	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	8.40	
		13.47

1954 Personal Due Dec. 31, 1954	7.50	
Added Interest	.04	
		7.54

Credit

Paid Treasurer	3.19	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	4.35	
		7.54

1955 Personal Warrant	562.46	
		562.46

Credit

Paid Treasurer	554.60	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	7.86	
		562.46

1953 Real Estate Due Dec. 31, 1954	45.85	
Added Interest	2.53	
		48.38

Credit

Paid Treasurer	44.60	
Tax Title Account	3.78	
		48.38

1954 Real Estate Due Dec. 31, 1954	140.59	
Added Interest	1.98	
		142.57

Credit

Paid Treasurer	119.74	
Tax Title Account	3.41	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	19.42	
		142.57

1955 Real Estate Warrant	3,155.18	
Added Interest	.31	
		3,155.49

Credit

Paid Treasurer	3,010.94	
Abatements	1.61	
Tax Title Account	4.31	
Balance Due Dec. 31, 1955	138.63	
		3,155.49

No. Dighton Fire District

Balance due 1953 Real Estate—		
Dec. 31, 1954	$ 23.00	
Added Interest	1.39	
		$ 24.39

Credit

Paid Treasurer	24.39	
		24.39

Balance due 1954 Real Estate—		
Dec. 31, 1954	3,007.90	
Added Interest	59.59	
		3,067.49

Credit

Paid Treasurer	3,051.29	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1955	16.20	
		3,067.49

Balance due 1954 Personal Property—Dec. 31, 1954	102.50	
		102.50

Credit

Paid Treasurer	102.50	
		102.50

1955 Real Estate Warrant	6,006.46	
Added Interest	.79	
		6,007.25

Credit

Paid Treasurer	5,815.74	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1955	191.51	
		6,007.25

1955 Personal Property Warrant	288.79	
		288.79

Credit

Paid Treasurer	288.79	
		288.79

Dighton Water District

1952 Personal due Dec. 31, 1955		$ 22.99

1953 Personal due Dec. 31, 1954	$ 102.80	
Added Interest	3.52	
		106.32

Credit

Paid Treasurer	57.92	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1955	48.40	
		106.32

1954 Personal due Dec. 31, 1954	52.70	
Added Interest	.18	
		52.88

Credit

Paid Treasurer	10.44	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1955	42.44	
		52.88

1955 Personal Warrant	3,338.17	
Added Interest	.09	
		3,338.26

Credit

Paid Treasurer	3,280.19	
Abatements	1.25	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1955	56.82	
		3,338.26

1953 Real Estate Balance Dec. 31, 1954	440.40	
Added Interest	22.32	
		462.72

Credit

Paid Treasurer	401.12	
Abatements	20.80	
Tax Title Account	23.20	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1955	17.60	
		462.72

1954 Real Estate Balance Dec. 31, 1954	775.49	
Added Interest	11.26	
		786.75

Credit

Paid Treasurer	605.29	
Abatements	33.83	
Tax Title Account	14.87	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1955	132.76	
		786.75

1955 Real Estate Warrant	19,867.87	
Added Interest	2.64	
		19,870.51

Credit

Paid Treasurer	18,772.51	
Abatements	9.37	
Tax Title Account	92.51	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1955	996.12	
		19,870.51

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Town Collector.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Board of Selectmen:

Herewith is my report as Tree Warden for the year 1955.

I have made inspections with the Hixon Tree Company, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Fall River Electric Light Company.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Superintendent of Streets:

General Account

Various streets, cleaning out catch basins, brush, curbing, drainage, patching, scraping	$1,572.00
Snow plowing and sanding	330.55
Beacon	36.00
Superintendent of Streets	240.00
	$2,178.55

Gravel Roads

Hart St.—Brush	276.80
Horton St.—Brush, graveling	3,160.60
	$3,437.40

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Andrews St.—Shoulder, tarring	99.00
Baylies St.—Graveling, scraping	63.60
Bedford St.—Shoulder	50.80
Briggs St.—Brush, Scraping	70.80
Brook St.—Brush	462.80
Carpenter's Lane—Scraping	30.80
Cedar St.—Drainage, graveling, patching, scraping, tarring	244.00
Center St.—Brush, catch basins, mowing, patching, shoulder, tarring	236.60
Chase St.—Shoulder	40.80

Chestnut St.—Brush, grading, scraping, shoulder, tarring	781.40
Elm St.—Drainage, mowing, patching scraping, shoulder, tarring	272.40
Forest St.—Catch basin, drainage	86.80
Hart St.—Drainage, graveling, scraping	189.60
Horton St.—Brush, catch basin, drainage, grading, graveling, ledge, rolling, scraping, shoulder, tarring	4,758.80
Lewis St.—Scraping	24.00
Lincoln Ave.—Catch basin, drainage, mowing, patching, shoulder	298.20
Main St.—Catch basin, mowing, shoulder	112.35
Maple St.—Brush, scraping, washout	177.20
Middle St.—Brush, drainage, mowing, patching, shoulder, tarring	255.60
Miller's Lane—Brush	68.00
Mt. Hope St.—Scraping, shoulder	50.80
Oak St.—Brush, scraping	63.60
Park St.—Drainage, shoulder	111.60
Pearl St.—Shoulder	50.80
Pine St.—Mowing, tarring	44.40
Pleasant St.—Drainage, shoulder, tarring	353.60
Prospect St.—Patching, shoulder	91.60
School St.—Drainage, shoulder, tarring	320.50
School Lane—Excavating, grading, graveling, patching	612.00
Smith St.—Brush, scraping, tarring	263.60
Somerset Ave.—Patching, shoulder, tarring	351.20
Spring St.—Drainage, patching, shoulder, tarring	733.55
Summer St.—Drainage, patching, shoulder	111.60
Tremont St.—Brush, drainage, graveling, patching, scraping, shoulder, tarring	681.20
Walker St.—Shoulder	59.20
Water St.—Scraping	50.80
Wellington St.—Mowing, patching, shoulder, tarring	133.00

Wheeler St.—Brush, drainage, graveling, scraping	445.60
Williams St.—Brush, catch basin, drainage, grading, graveling, mowing, patching, scraping, washout	1,309.50
Various Streets—Cleaning out catch basins	334.50
	$14,496.20

Chapter 90 — Maintenance

Williams St.—Drainage, tarring, materials	$5,099.76

Chapter 90 — Williams St.

Williams St., as of Dec. 31, 1955	$9,910.72

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF,
Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report for the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1955:

The Department received 69 calls as follows:

Type	Number
Automobile Accident	2
Automobile	2
Barn	1
Brush	9
Chimney	3
Dump	7
Factory	2
Garage	1
Grass	19
House	4
Live wires	1
Lumber	1
Needless Call	1
Oil Burners	5
Rubbish	2
Store	1
Woods	8
Mutual Aid from:	
Rehoboth	1
Somerset	1
Mutual Aid to:	
Freetown	1
Raynham	1
Taunton	2

The following are approximate figures on the amount of water pumped, hose laid, and ladders raised:

40,235 gallons of water
51,200 ft. booster hose
55,600 ft. 1⅛" hose
24,900 ft. 1½" hose
3,200 ft. 2½" hose
276 ft. ladders

On the evening of July 19, 1955 a Mutual Aid Drill was held on Lincoln Ave. 16 Pumpers responded from 14 departments. Each pumped from the Three Mile River.

August 9, 1955 Engine No. 2 and crew of men attended a Mutual Aid drill at Swansea.

On August 26 and 27 the Department pumped wells and cellars as a result of recent floods.

September 19 and 20 both stations were manned 24 hours a day during the hurricane alert.

On the morning of October 28 Engine No. 1 with a crew attended a Mutual Aid drill at Rehoboth, relaying water over 1 mile.

Drills on various phases of fire fighting were held monthly and were well attended.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Town Officials and the Citizens of the Town for their assistance and fine cooperation in keeping the fire losses down during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,
Chief of Dighton Fire Department
and Forest Warden.

REPORT OF DIGHTON AMBULANCE

To the Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report for the Dighton Ambulance for the year ending December 31, 1955.

During the year the ambulance made 52 trips as follows:

To Bristol County T. B. Hospital, Attleboro	1
Morton Hospital, Taunton	26
Norwood Hospital	1
Pawtucket Hospital	1
Pondville Hospital	1
Pratt Diagnostic Hospital, Boston	1
Rest Home	1
St. Anne's Hospital, Fall River	1
Taunton State Hospital	1
Truesdale Hospital, Fall River	1
Union Hospital, Fall River	1
Veterans' Hospital, Providence, R. I.	1
From Morton Hospital, Taunton	1
Pratt Diagnostic Hospital, Boston	1
Called—Not needed	2
Patients handled	50
Occupational Accidents	5

The resuscitator was used four times to help patients breathe while enroute to hospitals.

I wish to thank the Officers and Members of the Dighton Fire Department who have so willingly manned the ambulance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,
Chief of Dighton Fire Dept.

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1955:

Total circulation of books and magazines	10,269
Adult books	4,322
Juvenile books	5,265
Magazines	682
Number of persons using reading room	745
Collected in fines	$52.19

During the year 205 new books were purchased, and also added to the Library as a gift was a set of 60 volumes which are in excellent condition.

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA CHAMBERLAIN,
Librarian.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

I have tested, adjusted and sealed the following:

26 Scales—6 adjusted.
7 Weights—2 adjusted.
10 Capacity Measures.
14 Automatic Measuring Devices—1 adjusted.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Police Chief for the Town of Dighton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

The following is a list of arrests made in Dighton during 1955:

	Male	Female
Drunk	7	1
Non Support	4	
Operating to endanger	4	
Leaving scene after causing property damage	2	
No license in possession	2	
Vagrants	3	
Trespassing	5	
Larceny	2	
Driving under influence	4	
Insane persons committed	4	
Juvenile larceny	1	
Malicious damage caused by 7 juveniles. No prosecution. Parents made restitution.		
Automobile accidents	26	
Persons injured	8	
Fatal shooting accident	1	
Complaints received and investigated	218	
Prosecutions for motor vehicle violations	30	
Warnings to violators	85	
Summons served for other police departments	14	
Lord's Day permits issued	22	
Pistol permits issued	31	
Permits to purchase pistols issued	10	
Inspections made for Board of Health	4	

Abandoned cars	2
Stolen bicycles recovered	1
Stolen cars recovered	2

The following is a list of arrests made in Dighton by the Massachusetts State Police during 1955:

	Male	Female
Operating after revocation of plates	1	
Speeding	17	
Drunk	7	
Operating to endanger	2	
Operating under influence	1	
Leaving scene—Property damage	2	
Vagrancy	1	
Trespassing	4	
Operating without license	1	
Insane Person		1
Operating without license in possession	1	
Failing to slow at intersection	1	
Runaway	1	

Stolen tools and merchandise.

During the year there were seven breaks reported. Three of these were in Lassen's Garage, County Street, where tools and other merchandise were stolen to the value of several thousand dollars. As a result of the arrest of two men in Fall River by the Fall River Police, the State Police were notified and most of the stolen merchandise and tools were recovered. The other breaks remain unsolved.

Reserve Police.

Reserve Police were assigned to the Dog Track, the Rehoboth Fair, Bristol County Agricultural School Flower Show, General Bronze Strike, High School Games and Dances. They did their work in an efficient manner. The Dog Track had a very successful meet. At times there were

12,000 people in attendance. During the 50 days of the meet, there was one slight automobile accident reported.

General Bronze Strike.

For a period of about six weeks, the General Bronze Corporation had labor trouble in their plant. At times there were between 200 and 300 striking employees in front of the plant. Due to the valuable assistance and counsel of the three Selectmen and the assistance rendered by the Reserve Police Officers, there was no violence in Dighton and the strike was settled between workers and management.

Answering Service.

The Answering Service used by the Police Department during the year is operated by Mrs. De Wees of Taunton. This service proved to be very efficient by keeping the citizens of Dighton in touch with the Police Department at any time of the day or night.

Parking.

There have been many complaints received about parking cars on streets adjacent to the General Bronze Company plant. This is a very bad situation and plans are being formulated to put a stop to this practice in the very near future.

State Police.

The State Police have been called many times and have always responded and given very efficient service.

I would like to make one observation. Having served you for one year and having had a chance to observe conditions in the town, it is my belief that Dighton is growing and with the number of people employed in the town, the traffic problem is still the worst problem to contend with. The fact that there were seven breaks in the last year, all point to one thing. There is a definite need for more police pro-

tection. It is my hope that the town can appoint at least one full time Police Officer. There are times that the Police Chief is absent from duty attending Superior Court or other duty and most of the Reserve men are available on Saturday, Sunday or evenings only, as they are all employed during the week. If a man were appointed, he could take over the duties of the Chief at any time that it became necessary and would also be available if help were needed to make an arrest or any other eventuality.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the Reserve Police Force for the way in which they have performed their various assignments and feel that they can be depended upon to assist me in any emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. CARLSTROM,
Chief of Police.

DOGS LICENSED IN 1955

The following dog licenses were issued during the year:

Male	274
Female	28
Spayed	75
Kennel	7
	384

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The financial status of the various categories of relief showed a town balance at the end of the year, with the exception of Disability Assistance, which exceeded the appropriation by $856.74.

Aid to Dependent Children aided 4 cases during the year, representing thirteen persons and total expenditures amounted to $5,765.00. The town appropriated $3,500.00 and U. S. Grants amounted to $2,562.71 leaving a balance of $269.16 in U. S. Grant and town balance of $28.55.

Disability Assistance aided 7 cases during the year. Town appropriation amounted to $3,200.00 and U. S. Grants were $2,968.49. The sum of $856.74 was transferred from Welfare Account to meet the deficit. The year ended with U. S. Grants balance of $219.76. Total expenditures were $6,805.47.

Under Chapter 603, Acts of 1955, board and care rate of recipients in Licensed Boarding Home for the Aged was increased to $25.00 a week, effective as of September 1, 1955, for Disability category of relief. Increase in exemption of children was also revised during the year, under Chapter 492 of the Acts of 1955.

Old Age Assistance aided 48 cases during the year with total expenditures in the amount of $40,951.08. As of January 1, 1955 this account showed a U. S. Grant balance of $1,442.13, supplemented by additional U. S. Grants of $14,576.08 received during the year. The town appropriated $32,000.00, and the year ended with a substantial town balance of $7,067.13, which was due to decrease in case load during the year. The sum of $606.26 was paid to other

cities and towns for Dighton settled cases. Accounts receivable, from out-of-town settled cases, for which bills have been rendered, amounted to $574.68. U. S. Grants showed a balance of $1,299.09 in this account as of December 31, 1955.

Lien Recovery was made in the amount of $562.50 under the Old Age Assistance category. The sum of $50.77 was refunded by Dighton Rest Home for payment of board prior to death of a recipient. Recoveries were reported to the State as required.

In accordance with Chapter 728 of the Acts of 1955, a new budgetary item for Old Age Assistance recipients, known as Transportation Allowance, will become effective January 1, 1956. The amendment will result in an increase of $2.50 monthly for all recipients covered by the amendment, and budgets have been revised accordingly.

General Relief, also known as Welfare, aided 12 cases representing 38 persons during the year. The town appropriated $5,000.00. Total expenditures amounted to $2,-961.22, and in addition, the sum of $856.74 was transferred from this account to meet the deficit in Disability Assistance. Account showed a town balance of $1,182.04. The sum of $1,574.87 is reimbursable from other cities and towns due to legal settlement, for which bills have been submitted. Additional accounts are due from the State for unsettled cases, for which bills will be submitted at a later date. The actual expense to the town was considerably low during the year.

The cooperation of recipients of all categories of relief is continuously requested in the matter of obtaining prior authorizations for medical needs, in accordance with the State Medical Plan.

The usual assistance and courtesies rendered by the personnel of the State District Welfare Office as well as the

Bureau of Accounts is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

To the Taunton Greyhound Association, we extend our most sincere thanks for the Christmas Fund donation of $500.00, which brought considerable happiness to the recipients.

Appreciation is expressed to Audrey A. Pomfret for cooperation and services rendered during the leave of absence of our Social Worker.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,
Chairman,
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,
EARLE M. SMITH,
Board of Public Welfare.

BELLA M. BOUCHER,
Social Worker.

REPORT OF TOWN HISTORIAN

To the Board of Selectmen:

I have read and made complete notes on all records of the Proprietors of the South Purchase of Taunton, that section of land that later became Dighton.

I have also made some study of the Town Meeting records of Taunton, as they referred to the purchase of this section from King Philip and the subsequent division from Taunton.

I have made careful notes from all Dighton Town Meeting records from 1712 to 1791. This work has gone slowly,

as reading the older records is somewhat like reading a foreign language.

I have planned historial signs which are to be finished by the Dighton Vocational School.

I have given talks on different periods of town history before two women's organizations and have gained, in subsequent discussions interesting points of local color and history from family legends.

It has been of interest from study of Emery's History of Taunton and Daggetts History of Attleboro to learn a little of the part Dighton people took in the Indian and the Revolutionary Wars. My information is still incomplete.

I am working toward a complete written history of Dighton before 1962, the 250th anniversary of its founding.

I wish to urge citizens that I be given an opportunity to study old deeds, maps, letters, account books, and especially ship's logs. A paper from an old attic may give the missing information I have been seeking.

HELEN H. LANE,
Town Historian.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1954	$104,603.66
Total Receipts in 1955	593,623.90
	698,227.56
Selectmen's Warrants 1955	540,399.58
Balance in Treasury December 31, 1955	$157,827.98

See Auditor's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Town Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD
Of The Town of Dighton, Massachusetts
For the Year 1955

The first Planning Board for the Town of Dighton was elected at the 1955 election. The following were elected for the period of time indicated:

Hamilton H. Sweet—1 year
George L. Phillips—2 years
Wilfred A. Hathaway—3 years
Ernest H. Atwood—4 years
Lester M. Briggs—5 years

At the first meeting of the Board, Hamilton H. Sweet was elected chairman and George L. Phillips was elected secretary.

The Board has met with other Planning Boards, the Massachusetts Department of Commerce, the Dighton Selectmen and other groups to obtain the necessary information to guide them and to draw up "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land". Copies of the "Rules and Regulations" have been filed with the Registry of Deeds and the Recorder of the Land Court as required by law. Copies of the "Rules and Regulations" may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Several matters in regard to subdivision of land have been brought to the attention of the Board but to date, for various reasons, these matters have not been ones requiring approval of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMILTON H. SWEET,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Dighton:

Due to the absence of severe hurricanes and epidemics, the Board of Health has had a more normal year than some of the previous years. However, Hurricane Diane brought great floods of water that caused considerable damage.

We have had several cases brought to our attention of unsanitary conditions due to the stopping of drains and the flooding of low spots during the exceptionally heavy rains in the hurricane season. Culverts have been repaired and drains cleaned by the Street Department.

In order to do an efficient job of cleaning the drains, a power drain cleaner was rented that proved most satisfactory.

Other cases were handled through the assistance of the Chief of Police and Agent Henry G. Crapo.

The Town Dumps are in very good condition this year with the exception of the North Dighton Dump, where the refuse is dumped over the fence when the gate is closed.

The old ambulance that was turned over to Civilian Defense was found to have deteriorated beyond any usefulness, so was sold for $15.00 to the Lemme Wrecking Company.

The detailed report of the Community Nurse covers fully her work in conjunction with the Board of Health. We wish to thank her for the excellent job she has done.

Respectfully submitted,

EARLE M. SMITH,
Chairman,
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,
CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE HARBOR MASTER OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON

During this past year there has been an increased demand for mooring locations in the harbor. In the Spring, your Assistant Harbor Master, Martin Bergstrom, and I, in conjunction with the Mooring Committee of the Taunton Yacht Club, laid out a new plan of mooring locations in the harbor. At that time we located 27 4′ draft locations beside the channel, and 26 2′ draft locations in the second row on the edge of the shoal. The existing moorings were relocated, and new ones put in location, so that at present there are 24 4′ draft, and 21 2′ draft moorings in location.

The new locations have worked out well. No one had trouble with interference when they swung on their mooring. I believe that most of the moorings are of adequate size for the boats that use them. The existing ones were checked and rebuilt if necessary, and the new ones inspected before they were set.

At present we have space for 3 deep draft and 5 shallow draft moorings to be added. But any more than that will have to be located below the Spooner Dock or above the old Staples Dock. At present the shoal that runs from Grassey Island south, is restricting our mooring locations very severely. If it could be removed, it would make our harbor an excellent one.

A sign was located on the Staples Dock asking that boats slow down to a reasonable speed while passing through the harbor. There will have to be one put at the south end of the mooring area next summer.

There has been very little, if any commercial traffic this year in the harbor. A barge belonging to Mr. Souza has been laid up on the flats below Dighton Rock Park.

The Taunton Yacht Club has been rebuilt and has been very active with many new members applying for mooring locations. We are getting hard put to find them.

The U. S. Coast Guard has checked and relocated a number of their buoys in their correct locations.

I have noted, too, that the dredged channel is silting in on the sides.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD B. SHAW,
Harbor Master.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

I visited and inspected 46 barns and thereby report:

261 cows
75 heifers
8 bulls
18 horses
3 steers
84 sheep
8 swine

The animals appeared healthy and the barns for the most part were clean. The inspection book has been forwarded to the Division of Livestock Disease Control, 41 Tremont Street, Boston on December 30th, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER M. BRIGGS,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Herewith is my report for the year 1955:

I received approximately 50 complaints concerning dogs in the following categories: strays, lost, creating disturbances, annoying live stock and dead dogs in the roads.

All of the complaints were taken care of to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. MEDEIROS,
Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

The Civil Defense Department was able to obtain Matching Funds for the Fire Department radios in the amount of $1,406.66.

Several projects are planned for the coming year under the Matching Funds Program.

The Office of Civil Defense is to be set up in the Civic Center Building across from the High School, where the latest information on Civil Defense matters will be available to the people of Dighton.

Respectfully submitted,

STAFFORD H. HAMBLY,
Civil Defense Director of Dighton.

REPORT OF COMMUNITY NURSE

To the Board of Health,

Gentlemen:

My duties as Community Nurse are many and varied. Bedside nursing, injections and treatments are the services most frequently rendered. Transportation of patients to and from hospitals, clinics and doctors' offices are also a part of my duties.

The Polio Clinic held in May was a big event for 1955. One hundred and four first and second grade children received the first dose of the Salk vaccine. One older child who had received the trial doses in 1954 was given a booster dose. At the Annual Immunization Clinc four infants received the three doses of Triple Antigen and ninety-eight children received a booster dose of Double Antigen. Thirty-seven children attended the Pre-School Clinic and twenty-seven were vaccinated against small pox.

Three new cases of Tuberculosis were reported in Dighton and the patients hospitalized for treatment. One other patient was readmitted for further treatment. Measles and German Measles were prevalent during the early part of the year. One case of Scarlet Fever was reported.

From the experience of last year's hurricane an efficient organization was ready to take over in case of emergency during the hurricane alerts.

I attended the Board meetings of the Bristol County Mental Health Clinics, Inc. and the monthly meetings of the Health and Welfare Workers group held in Taunton. Two in-service training courses were offered by the State Department of Public Health which I attended. The first course held in the Spring at Fall River was on Child Growth and

Development. During October and November the second course held at the Lakeville Sanatorium pertained to the special problems in the care of the cardiac.

Again I wish to thank you, the members of the Board of Health and Town Officials for your support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R. N.,
Town Nurse.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

Herewith is a report of the financial transactions of the Town of Dighton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

Classification of Treasurer's Receipts for 1955

Cash Balance as of January 1, 1955		$104,603.66
Received from Town Collector:		
1953 Real Estate Taxes	$19,154.77	
1953 Personal Property Taxes	39.57	
1953 Poll Taxes	2.00	
1954 Real Estate Taxes	33,156.53	
1954 Personal Property Taxes	1,143.09	
1954 Poll Taxes	10.00	
1955 Real Estate	150,029.71	
1955 Personal Property Taxes	21,960.02	
1955 Poll Taxes	1,712.00	
		$227,207.69
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise	18.97	
1954 Motor Vehicle Excise	4,513.63	
1955 Motor Vehicle Excise	28,375.84	
		32,908.44
Tax Titles		36.28

Tax Possessions		120.50
Interest on Taxes:		
Real Estate	1,101.42	
Personal Property	3.27	
Motor Vehicle Excise	33.05	
Tax Titles	2.38	
		1,140.12
Total Collector's Receipts		261,413.03
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:		
Income Tax	10,404.60	
Corp. Tax—Business	30,819.46	
Meals Tax	1,041.51	
School Buildings Aid—Ch. 645	18,933.69	
School Aid—Ch. 70	31,892.02	
School Transportation	13,689.42	
Vocational Education	6,019.69	
Child Welfare Tuition	504.98	
School Superintendency	2,443.47	
Hurricane Tax Relief	141.45	
		115,890.29
Departmental Receipts:		
Town Nurse Receipts	54.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	33.20	
Police Department:		
Telephone Calls	26.23	
Badges	40.56	
Refund for lights	18.00	
School Department:		
Dental Fund	384.91	
Sanitary Fund	59.02	

Vocational Labor and Materials	176.09	
Lost Books	13.53	
Damaged Sign	7.50	
Old Organ	15.00	
Vocational Prod. Fund	218.71	
Refund	6.90	
Rent—Vet. Mem. Hall	405.00	
General Government:		
Salvage South School	83.00	
Sale Town Land, No. Dighton	73.05	
Sale Ambulance	15.00	
Sale Logs	20.00	
Sale Pipe	35.20	
Sale Town Maps	2.50	
		1,687.40
Town Clerk:		
Dog Licenses	831.45	
Tax Title Redemption Fee	2.25	
Old Age Assistance Recovery	613.27	
Departmental Revenue:		
Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State	1,967.69	
Disability Assistance:		
From State	2,303.93	
Disability Assistance Administration	105.51	
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	17,459.34	
From Cities	511.51	

Public Welfare:		
From Cities and Towns	1,249.00	
From Individuals	40.00	
Veterans' Benefits:		
From State	2,552.14	
Board of Health:		
From State	485.50	
From State Subsidy	20.71	
School Department:		
High School Tuition	31,479.98	
Vocational Tuition	6,647.62	
Elementary Tuition	275.00	
Telephone	172.22	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	55.03	
Aid to Highways Revenue:		
Chapter 81—State	14,236.21	
Ch. 90—Williams St.		
State	4,815.36	
County	2,407.68	
Ch. 90—Maintenance:		
State	1,699.96	
County	1,699.96	
Total Departmental Revenue		91,631.32
U. S. Grants:		
A.D.C. Administration	307.00	
D.A. Administration	211.01	
O.A.A. Administration	912.92	
A.D.C.	2,562.71	
D.A.	2,968.49	

O.A.A.	14,576.08	
Smith-Hughes Fund	1,550.71	
Total U. S. Grants		23,088.92

Grants and Gifts:

Police Dept.—Special	16,993.65	
Special Light Account	66.00	
Christmas Fund	500.00	
		17,559.65

Licenses:

Advertising Costs	45.28	
Alcoholic Beverages	1,900.00	
Auto Dealers	30.00	
Beer and Wine	250.00	
Cabin	4.50	
Common Victualler	55.00	
Denatured Alcohol	5.00	
Garbage Permit	1.00	
Gasoline Storage	11.50	
Ice Cream Manufacturing	5.00	
Hawkers	16.00	
Junk	35.00	
Lord's Day	45.00	
Milk	13.00	
Oleo	2.00	
Oyster Bed Privilege	75.00	
Pistol and Firearms	10.00	
Sausage Manufacturing	5.00	
Temporary Beer and Wine	11.00	
Blasting Permit	1.00	
Loam Removal Permit	5.00	
Juke Box Licenses	60.00	
Entertainment Licenses	171.00	
		2,756.28

Miscellaneous:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	312.34	
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	27.68	
Road Machinery Fund	2,597.00	
Comm. of Mass. Reimbursement:		
Hurricane Relief	7,596.37	
County of Bristol:		
Dog Fund	474.21	
Boarding Dogs	45.50	
District Court Fines	40.00	
		11,093.10
Elementary School Cafeteria:		
Comm. of Mass. Daily Receipts		21,812.08
High School Cafeteria:		
Comm. of Mass. Daily Receipts		13,090.51
High School Athletics		1,605.84
Federal Withholding Tax		27,533.61
County Retirement		2,518.03
Tailings		14.30
Comm. of Mass.:		
Matching Funds for Civil Defense Radios		1,406.66
Fire Department for Pumping Cellars		472.88
Total receipts for 1955		$593,623.90
		$698,227.56

Classification of Treasurer's Expenditures for 1955

General Government:

Selectmen:		
Printing, postage, etc.	$ 3.47	
Selectmen's salaries	2,000.07	
Office supplies	222.16	
Mileage	50.00	
Telephone	111.79	
All Other	41.50	
		$ 2,428.99
Assessors:		
Salaries	2,350.00	
Printing, postage etc.	167.54	
New Equipment	16.61	
Office supplies	1.75	
Telephone	20.30	
Mileage	149.94	
Miscellaneous	9.70	
		2,715.84
Auditor:		
Salary	588.82	
Clerical help	36.00	
Printing, postage, etc.	27.35	
		652.17
Election, Registration, Census:		
Registrars' Salaries	300.00	
Registrars' printing	54.39	
Registrars' mileage	1.80	
Election officers' salaries	104.50	
Printing, etc.	46.25	
Clerical help	92.38	
Janitor, police & misc.	44.50	
Census takers' salaries	280.00	

Printing, etc.	23.91	
Clerical help	56.00	
		1,003.73

Tax Collector:

Salary	1,500.00	
Printing, postage, etc.	420.28	
Telephone	45.20	
Office supplies	8.75	
Mileage	16.32	
New Equipment	103.00	
Miscellaneous	37.86	
		2,131.41

Town Clerk:

Salary	600.00	
Printing, postage, etc.	152.33	
Telephone	93.30	
Office supplies	25.51	
Mileage	9.72	
New Equipment	128.60	
Miscellaneous	48.46	
		1,057.92

Town Treasurer:

Salary	1,150.00	
Clerical help	23.00	
Printing, postage, etc.	315.12	
Telephone	45.13	
Office supplies	19.96	
Mileage	24.72	
New Equipment	198.50	
Miscellaneous	6.00	
		1,782.43

Town Office Account:

Salaries	2,785.03	

Town counsel and extra help	100.00	
Telephone	13.90	
All other	20.55	
Insurance	5,928.16	
Historian & Moderator	36.74	
Adv., hearings, etc.	54.86	
Planning Board	65.00	
Printing, etc.	966.30	
Postage	7.50	
Tree Warden	35.00	
		10,013.04

Dog Officer Account:		
Salary	50.00	
Disposal fees	60.50	
Advertising	5.32	
Printing, postage	12.00	
		127.82

Protection of Persons and Property:

Special Fire Dept. Account:		
Dog Track	1,400.00	
		1,400.00

Special Police Department:		
Standard Coil Products Co.	3,220.15	
Dog Track	9,021.00	
General Bronze Co.	2,605.00	
Fall River Electric Light Co.	9.00	
Rehoboth Fair	714.50	
Miscellaneous	24.00	
		15,593.65

Fire Department:

Wages	2,374.25	
Janitor	330.00	
Deputy Chiefs	180.00	
New Equipment	808.43	
Miscellaneous Equipment	37.26	
Hose	456.40	
Gasoline, oil, etc.	205.98	
Radio and Truck Repairs	429.39	
Water	30.00	
Fuel	971.16	
Light	171.96	
Repairs to buildings	59.10	
All other	13.40	
Printing, postage, etc.	4.00	
Telephone	823.70	
All other	12.50	
		6,907.53

Police Department:

Chief	3,380.00	
Officers	498.50	
Mileage	7.20	
Telephone	330.18	
Office supplies, equipment, etc.	38.81	
Repairs to cruiser	207.20	
Water, fuel	97.99	
Light	5.50	
Printing	30.59	
Gas, oil, etc.	442.49	
All other	450.86	
		5,489.23

Health and Sanitation:

Care of Town Dumps:		
Labor	1,561.50	
Materials	5.20	
Hired Equipment	40.00	
		1,606.70
Moth Control:		
Labor	635.00	
		635.00
Mosquito Control	250.00	
		250.00
Health Department:		
Salaries	399.84	
Medicine	3.60	
Telephone	180.10	
Diphtheria Clinic	46.85	
TB Board and Treatment	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	367.56	
Medical supplies	20.10	
Inspector of Animals	175.00	
Milk Inspector	200.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00	
Salary of Town Nurse	1,464.00	
Expenses of nurse	61.53	
Ambulance drivers	133.00	
Gas and repairs for ambulance	85.15	
Vital statistics:		
Marriages	51.00	
Births	69.00	

Deaths	22.00	
Affidavits	12.00	
		4,890.73

Highways and Bridges:

Dighton and Berkley Bridge:

Tender's Salary	840.00	
Electricity	12.00	
Miscellaneous	40.00	
		892.00

Care of Town Elms:

Labor	3,016.05	
		3,016.05

Chapter 81:

Labor	9,958.35	
Material	6,722.85	
Hired Equipment	4,968.80	
		21,650.00

Road Machinery Account:

Gas and Oil	790.11	
Repairs	1,044.50	
Equipment	300.00	
		2,134.61

Tractor Loader Account:

New Equipment	2,995.00	
Advertising	2.09	
		2,997.09

Chapter 90 Construction—Williams St.:

Contract payments	9,630.72	
Miscellaneous	280.00	
		9,910.72

Chapter 90—Dighton-Berkley Bridge Maintenance:		
Advertising	2.98	
		2.98
Chapter 90—Maintenance:		
Labor	633.60	
Materials	3,681.46	
Hired equipment	784.70	
		5,099.76
Street Department:		
Administration:		
Superintendent's Salary	240.00	
Administration Expense	50.00	
General:		
Salaries and wages	1,974.67	
Sand	4.78	
Equipment & repairs	514.98	
Blasting, etc.	100.34	
Hired equipment	315.88	
All other	122.35	
Snow and Ice Removal:		
Salaries	90.00	
Trucks	27.00	
Sand boxes, etc.	169.94	
Beacon Maintenance	36.00	
		3,645.94
Graveling Town Roads:		
Labor	953.20	
Equipment	2,537.00	
Material	392.00	
		3,882.20

Charities and Soldiers' Benefits:

Aid to Dependent Children:		
Cash	5,586.35	
Kind	178.65	
Administration:		
Social Worker	265.35	
Administration Salaries	33.32	
Office supplies	2.35	
Telephone	7.65	
		6,073.67
Disability Assistance:		
Cash	5,024.23	
Kind	1,781.24	
Administration:		
Social Worker	159.21	
Telephone	24.88	
Office supplies	9.35	
Mileage	18.67	
		7,017.58
Old Age Assistance:		
Cash	36,378.56	
Kind	3,966.26	
Outside Relief	606.26	
Administration:		
Social Worker	689.91	
Administration salaries	66.64	
Telephone	25.45	
Mileage	63.17	

Office supplies	9.32	
Postage, etc.	57.28	
		41,862.85

General Relief Adminiistration:

Administration		
Salaries	299.89	
Social Worker	1,645.17	
Telephone	50.12	
Mileage	49.86	
Office supplies	9.20	
Postage, envelopes	38.28	
Miscellaneous	20.50	
		2,113.02

Veterans' Benefits:

Cash	3,963.75	
Medical	107.70	
Clothing and Groceries	9.97	
Salary of Agent	200.00	
Miscellaneous	12.00	
		4,293.42

Public Welfare:

Groceries	473.96	
Fuel	72.32	
Board and Care	348.57	
Medical help	1,220.73	
Cash	446.00	
Clothing and Rent	234.64	
All other	165.00	
		2,961.22

Schools and Libraries:

Elementary School Cafeteria:

Labor	6,169.50
Food	15,274.03

Laundry	111.60	
Equipment	144.35	
Mileage	42.96	
Supplies	31.85	
Miscellaneous	59.84	
		21,834.13

High School Cafeteria:

Labor	3,684.85	
Food	9,470.61	
Laundry	158.81	
Equipment	1.20	
Supplies	42.96	
		13,358.43

High School Athletics:

Officials	491.00	
Officers	76.00	
Janitors	77.00	
Equipment	1,227.75	
Repairing & Cleaning	392.10	
Transportation	316.00	
Miscellaneous	293.22	
		2,873.07

Elementary School Library:

Books	422.92	
Printing, etc.	8.00	
Equipment	11.00	
		441.92

George Barden—Smith-Hughes Fund:

Salary	1,094.35	
		1,094.35

School Department:

Transportation	21,581.36	

Superintendent's Salary	4,035.40
Superintendent's Mileage	379.20
Superintendent's Convention expenses	51.53
Superintendent's Clerk's salary	1,647.84
Elementary School Secretary	651.50
High School Secretary	613.50
Elementary Teachers' Salaries	75,592.59
High School Teachers' Salaries	63,210.87
School Committee Expenses	55.00
Superintendent's Office Expenses	167.51
Truant Officer	50.00
Telephone	733.05
Staff expenses and others	249.52
Music Supervisor	3,904.47
Substitutes	1,730.00
Physical Handicapped teacher	260.00
Elementary School Janitors	6,916.00
High School Janitors	6,932.13
Elementary School Janitors' Supplies	986.54
High School Janitors' Supplies	666.50
Elementary School Books	1,457.53
High School Books	681.03

Elementary School Supplies	1,784.25
High School Supplies	1,450.38
Elementary School Fuel	2,824.81
High School Fuel	1,993.14
Elementary Electricity	1,335.40
High School Electricity	1,570.40
Elementary School Water	250.83
High School Water	337.34
Elementary School Health	1,361.85
High School Health	1,265.65
Elementary School Repairs	544.32
High School Repairs	820.56
Elementary School Library	76.07
High School Library	339.49
Household Arts	111.81
Dental Fund	542.10
Vocational Shop	1,777.59
Elementary School New Equipment	1,489.14
High School New Equipment	1,410.77
Elementary School Miscellaneous	356.70
High School Miscellaneous	820.36
Elementary School Boiler Maintenance	262.01
High School Boiler Maintenance	31.45
Elementary School Gas	370.40
High School Gas	162.19

Audio Visual Aids	14.95	
Tuition	239.15	
Driver Education	278.00	
		216,374.18

Vocational Production Fund:

Materials	1,432.06	
		1,432.06

Library:

Librarian's salary	600.00	
Assistant Librarian	9.00	
Janitor	230.00	
Books	414.02	
Periodicals	66.48	
Fuel	259.99	
Light	33.60	
Repairs	7.86	
Janitor's supplies	13.89	
Water	25.00	
Supplies	31.32	
Telephone	66.83	
		1,757.99

Recreation and Unclassified:

Civil Defense:

Office Supplies and Equipment	82.25	
Fuel	70.79	
Repairs	99.16	
Electricity	15.80	
Miscellaneous	6.80	
		274.80

Flood Disaster Account:

Highways	428.18	

Dighton-Berkley Bridge	158.44	
Miscellaneous	1.92	
		588.54
Hurricane Relief—(Carol):		
Clearance of Debris	5,363.20	
Temporary Repairs	1,332.64	
		6,695.84
Playground Fence:		
Advertising	5.02	
Contract	950.00	
Miscellaneous	4.25	
		959.27
Special Light Account:	66.00	
		66.00
Guarantee Deposit—So. Dighton School:		
	182.00	
		182.00
Veterans' Memorial Hall—Maintenance:		
Maintenance	71.65	
Light	44.20	
Fuel	689.78	
Water	8.80	
Miscellaneous	292.59	
		1,107.02
Pump Service Account:		
Pumping Private wells	83.65	
Pumping at Dighton Industries	407.63	
		491.28
1954 Bills Account	2,615.23	
		2,615.23

Memorial Day		
Observance	127.50	
		127.50
Civic Center:		
Repairs	630.01	
		630.01
State Census:		
Supervisors	50.00	
Enumerators	386.58	
Postage	1.80	
		438.38
Tax Title Account:		
Recordings	20.25	
Advertising	24.10	
Takings	66.55	
		110.90
Fence and Boundary Marker:		
Landscaping	29.50	
		29.50
Special Fire Pump		
Account	482.13	
		482.13
South Fire Station Repair Account:		
Repairs	1,495.48	
Advertising	8.04	
		1,503.52
Planning Board:		
Office supplies	8.55	
		8.55

Public Property Account:		
Labor	73.13	
Materials	172.00	
		285.13
Christmas Fund:		
Cash	445.00	
Groceries	55.00	
		500.00

Interest and Maturing Debt:

Interest on Elementary School Bonds	8,690.00	
		8,690.00
Payment on Elementary School Bonds	25,000.00	
		25,000.00

Agency, Trust, Refunds and Transfers:

State Tax	512.31	
County Tax	16,783.70	
Federal Tax	27,533.61	
Dog Licenses for County	831.45	
County Retirement Funds	5,410.23	
Charles S. Chase Fund	27.68	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	312.34	
		51,411.32

Real Estate and Poll Tax Refunds	71.60		
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds	871.63		
All other	154.00		
		1,097.23	
Hydrant Rental		1,740.00	
Total Expenditures			$540,399.58
Cash Balance December 31, 1955			$157,827.98

DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT

General Government:

Town Office Account:

Appropriation	$ 4,250.00	
Expenditures	4,084.88	
Balance		$165.12

Selectmen:

Appropriation	2,459.00	
Expenditures	2,428.99	
Balance		30.01

Assessors:

Appropriation	3,400.00	
Expenditures	2,715.84	
Balance		684.16

Town Auditor:

Appropriation	753.00	
Expenditures	652.17	
Balance		100.83

Town Clerk:

Appropriation	1,230.00	
Expenditures	1,057.92	
Balance		172.08

Elections & Registrations:

Appropriation	1,160.00	
Expenditures	1,003.73	
Balance		156.27

Town Collector:

Appropriation	2,124.00	
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	7.41	
	2,131.41	
Expenditures	2,131.41	
Balance		none

Town Treasurer:

Appropriation	1,793.00	
Expenditures	1,782.43	
Balance		10.57

Dog Officer:

Appropriation	190.00	
Expenditures	127.82	
Balance		62.18

Town Insurance:

Appropriation	5,803.86	
Trans. from Res. Acct. Appr.	124.30	
	5,928.16	
Expenditures	5,928.16	
Balance		none

Hydrant Rental:

Appropriation	1,740.00	
Expenditures	1,740.00	
Balance		none

Vets. Memorial Hall Maintenance:

Appropriation	990.00	
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	117.02	
	1,107.02	
Expenditures	1,107.02	
Balance		none

Town Historian:

Appropriation	100.00	
Expenditures	none	
Balance		100.00

1954 Bills:		
Appropriation	2,615.17	
Trans. Res. Acct. Appr.	.06	
	2,615.23	
Expenditures	2,615.23	
Balance		none
Fence & Boundary Markers:		
Jan. 1, 1955 Balance	126.61	
Expenditures	29.50	
Balance		97.11
Special Light—Dog Track:		
Taunton Greyhound Association	66.00	
Expenditures	66.00	
Balance		none
State Census—1955:		
Jan. 1, 1955 Balance	700.00	
Expenditures	438.38	
Balance		261.62
Planning Board Account:		
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	8.55	
Expenditures	8.55	
Balance		none
Public Property Account:		
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	245.13	
Expenditures	245.13	
Balance		none

Fire Department:

Appropriation	6,361.50	
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	546.03	
	6,907.53	
Expenditures	6,907.53	
Balance		none

Fire Dept.—Pump Account:

Appropriation	495.00	
Expenditures	482.13	
Balance		12.87

Fire Dept.—South Station Repairs:

Appropriation	1,600.00	
Expenditures	1,503.52	
Balance		96.48

Police Department:

Appropriation	5,338.00	
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	151.23	
	5,489.23	
Expenditure	5,489.23	
Balance		none

Police Dept.—Special

Receipts—Standard Coil Products Corp.	3,253.15	
Expenditures	3,253.15	
Balance		none

Police Dept.—Special

Receipts—General Bronze Corp.	2,605.00	
Expenditures	2,605.00	
Balance		none

Police & Fire Dept.—Special

Rceipts— Taunton Greyhound Association	10,421.00	
Expenditures	10,421.00	
Balance		none

Police Dept.—Special

Receipts—Rehoboth Fair	714.50	
Expenditures	714.50	
Balance		none

Board of Health:

Appropriation	3,600.00	
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	1,290.73	
	4,890.73	
Expenditures	4,890.73	
Balance		none

Mosquito Control:

Appropriation	250.00	
Expenditures	250.00	
Balance		none

Town Dump Account:		
Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expenditures	1,606.70	
Balance		393.30
Playground Fence—(No. Dighton):		
Jan. 1, 1955 Balance	1,200.00	
Expenditures	959.27	
Balance		240.13
Street Department:		
Appropriation	4,500.00	
Expenditures	4,470.94	
Balance		29.06
Dighton-Berkley Bridge:		
Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures	892.00	
Balance		108.00
Sidewalk Maintenance:		
Appropriation	600.00	
Expenditures	none	
Balance		600.00
Chapter 81:		
Appropriation	7,350.00	
From Excess and Deficiency	13,475.00	
	20,825.00	
Expenditures	20,825.00	
Balance		none

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Appropriation	1,700.00	
From Excess and Deficiency	3,400.00	
	5,100.00	
Expenditures	5,099.76	
Balance		.24

Chapter 90—Dighton-Berkley Bridge Maintenance:

Appropriation	280.00	
From Excess and Deficiency	560.00	
	840.00	
Expenditures	2.98	
Balance		837.02

Gypsy Moth:

Appropriation	500.00	
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	135.00	
	635.00	
Expenditures	635.00	
Balance		none

Care of Town Elms:

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	1,016.05	
	3,016.05	
Expenditures	3,016.05	
Balance		none

Road Machinery Account:

Appropriation	1,900.00	
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	234.61	
	2,134.61	
Expenditures	2,134.61	
Balance		none

Chapter 90—New Const.—Williams Street:

Appropriation	7,500.00	
From Excess and Deficiency	22,500.00	
	30,000.00	
Expenditures	9,910.72	
Balance		20,089.28

Tractor Loader:

Appropriation	3,000.00	
Expenditures	2,997.09	
Balance		2.91

Graveling Town Roads:

Appropriation	5,000.00	
Expenditures	3,882.20	
Balance		1,117.80

Aid to Dependent Children:

Appropriation	3,500.00	
U. S. Grant 1-1-55 Bal.	none	
Received during 1955	2,630.19	
	6,130.19	

Expenditures		5,832.48	
Balance			297.71

Disability Assistance:

Appropriation		3,200.00	
Transfer from Public Welfare A/C.		856.74	
U. S. Grant received during 1955		3,001.02	
		7,057.76	
Expenditures		6,838.00	
Balance			219.76

Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation		32,000.00	
U. S. Grant 1-1-55 Balance		1,442.13	
U. S. Grant received during 1955		14,576.08	
		48,018.21	
Expenditures		40,951.08	
Balance			7,067.13

General Relief Administration:

Appropriation		2,200.00	
Expenditures		2,113.02	
Balance			86.98
A.D.C. Adm.—1-1-55	2.43		
Received—1955	307.00		
		309.43	
D.A. Adm. 1-1-55 Balance	8.59		
Received—1955	211.01		
		219.60	

O.A.A. Adm. 1-1-55 Balance	6.68		
Received—1955	912.92		
		919.60	
		1,448.63	
Expenditures		1,432.55	
Balance (A.D.C. U. S. Grant)			.76
Balance (D.A. Adm. U. S. Grant)			7.49
Balance (O.A.A. Adm. U. S. Grant)			7.83
Veterans' Benefits:			
Appropriation		7,500.00	
Expenditures		4,293.42	
Balance			3,206.58
Public Welfare Dept.:			
Appropriation		5,000.00	
Expenditures	2,961.22		
Transfer to Disability Asst.	856.74		
		3,817.96	
Balance			1,182.04
School Department:			
Appropriation		222,498.00	
Payments returned		6.90	
		222,504.90	
Expenditures		216,374.18	
		6,130.72	
Transfer to Production Fund		2,200.00	
Balance			3,930.72

Elementary School Cafeteria:

1-1-55 Balance	378.35	
1955 Receipts	21,812.08	
	22,190.43	
Expenditures	21,834.13	
Balance		356.30

High School Cafeteria:

1-1-55 Balance	1,725.87	
1955 Receipts	13,130.51	
	14,856.38	
Expenditures	13,358.43	
Balance		1,497.95

High School Athletics:

1-1-55 Balance	72.18	
1955 Receipts	2,955.84	
	3,028.02	
Expenditures	2,873.07	
Balance		154.95

Public Library:

Appropriation	1,766.00	
Expenditures	1,757.99	
Balance		8.01

Elementary School Library:		
1-1-55 Balance	156.70	
From County Dog Fund	474.21	
	630.91	
Expenditures	441.92	
Balance		188.99
Vocational Production Fund:		
Transfer from School Dept.	2,200.00	
Received from Materials and Services	218.71	
	2,418.71	
Expenditures	1,432.06	
Balance		986.65
County Retirement:		
Withheld from Wages	2,518.03	
Expenditures	2,518.03	
Balance		none
Federal Withholding Tax:		
Withheld from Wages	27,533.61	
Expenditures	27,533.61	
Balance		none
Civil Defense Account:		
1-1-55 Balance	130.76	
Appropriation	356.00	
	486.76	

Expenditures		274.80	
Balance			211.96

Reserve Account Appropriated:

From Overlay Reserve		5,000.00	
To:—To E.&D. Account (South School Fund)	300.00		
Town Collector	7.41		
Vets Hall Maint..	117.02		
Town Insurance	124.30		
1954 Bills	.06		
Planning Board Account	8.55		
Public Property A/C	245.13		
Fire Dept.	546.03		
Police Dept.	151.23		
Board of Health	1,290.73		
Gypsy Moth	135.00		
Town Elms	1,016.05		
Road Machinery	234.61		
Civic Center Sanitary	30.01		
		4,206.13	
Balance			793.87

Memorial Day Observance:

Appropriation	150.00	
Expenditures	127.50	
Balance		22.50

Tax Title Redemption:

1-1-55 Balance	128.68	
Appropriation	250.00	
Received for costs	2.25	
	380.93	

Expenditures	110.90	
Balance		270.03

Contributory County Retirement:

Appropriation	2,892.20	
Expenditures	2,892.20	
Balance		none

Civic Center Sanitary Facilities:

Appropriation	600.00	
Transfer from Res. Acct. Appr.	30.01	
	630.01	
Expenditures	630.01	
Balance		none

Agency, Trusts & Refunds:

Received 1955	154.00	
Expenditures	154.00	
Balance		none

Town Cemetery Account:

Jan. 1, 1955 Balance	51.40	
Expenditures	none	
Balance		51.40

Interest on School Bonds:

Appropriation	8,690.00	
Expenditures	8,690.00	
Balance		none

Elementary School Bonds:

Appropriation	25,000.00	
Expenditures	25,000.00	
Balance		none

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

Received during 1955	312.34	
Expenditures	312.34	
Balance		none

Charles S. Chase Trust Fund:

Received during 1956	27.68	
Expenditures	27.68	
Balance		none

Dog Licenses:

Received during 1955	831.45	
Expenditures	831.45	
Balance		none

U. S. Grant—Smith-Hughes, George Barden Funds:

1-1-55 Balance	883.78	
Received during 1955	1,550.71	
	2,434.49	
Expenditures	1,094.35	
Balance		1,340.14

Christmas Fund:

Taunton Greyhound Association	500.00	
Expenditures	500.00	
Balance		none

Total Appropriation Balances	$17,557.93
Revenue Receipts over Assessors' Estimates	17,168.59
Surplus Revenue to Excess and Deficiency for 1955	$34,726.52

I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the reports contained herein are correct. The Cash Balances of all officers intrusted with the receipt, custody or expenditures of money have been verified and all such books and accounts are in order. The Tax Collector's report as published is correct. All payments to the Treasurer have been properly warranted and all receipts have been recorded. Cash and Securities of the Trust Funds have been verified, all income accounted for, and all payments warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

STAFFORD H. HAMBLY,
Town Auditor.

Town of Dighton | **BALANCE SHEET** | **December 31, 1955**

General Account

ASSETS

Cash		$157,827.98
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
1952 Personal Property	$ 210.06	
1953 Personal Property	200.70	
1954 Poll	10.00	
1954 Personal Property	273.48	
1954 Real Estate	1,043.19	
1955 Poll	96.00	
1955 Personal Property	489.12	
1955 Real Estate	33,369.11	
		35,691.66
1954 Motor Vehicle Excise	317.24	
1955 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,951.59	
		3,268.83
Tax Possessions		263.99
Tax Titles		3,795.36
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	614.61	
Board of Health	135.00	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	16.49	
Old Age Assistance	574.69	

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Liabilities:	
U. S. Grants:	
Aid to Dependent Children ADM.	$ .76
Disability Assistance ADM.	7.49
Old Age Assistance ADM.	7.83
Aid to Dependent Children	269.16
Disability Assistance	219.76
Old Age Assistance	1,299.09
Smith-Hughes—George Barden Funds	1,340.14
Old Age Recovery	2,904.37
Road Machinery Fund	3,522.63
State Census—1955	261.62
Guaranty Deposit—South School	118.00
State Taxes and Assessments	70.09
Fence & Boundary Markers Elementary School	97.11
Elementary School Cafeteria	356.30
High School Cafeteria	1,497.95
High School Athletics	154.95
Elementary School Library	188.99
Civil Defense Account	211.96
Tax Title Redemption Account	270.03

School Dept.	78.00	
Welfare Dept.	3,306.69	
		4,725.48
Aid to Highways:		
Chapter 81—State	8,015.95	
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,700.00	
Chapter 90—Williams St.	2,684.64	
Ch. 90 Maint.—County	1,700.00	
Ch. 90 Williams St.—County	5,092.32	
		19,192.91
Hurricane Account—Carol-Edna		47.00
Flood Emergency—1955		588.54
Pump Service Account		18.40
County Taxes and Assessments		2,316.21
Town Cemetery Account		51.40
Tailings		172.50
Town Historian		100.00
Civil Defense—Radio Account		1,406.66
Sidewalk Maintenance		600.00
Ch. 90—D-B Bridge Maintenance		837.02
Ch. 90—Williams St.		20,089.28
Graveling Town Roads		1,117.80
Treasurer's Unidentifid Receipts		100.61
County Assessment—B. C. T. B. Hospital		1,725.72
Reserves:		
Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of 1952 Taxes	210.06	
Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of 1953 Taxes	200.70	
Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of 1954 Taxes	1,643.91	
Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of 1955 Taxes	8,154.57	
		10,209.24
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus		10,731.04
Revenue Reserved until collected:		
Departmental	4,725.48	
Aid to Highways	19,192.91	
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,268.83	

		Tax Possession	263.99	
		Tax Title Revenue	3,795.36	
				31,246.57
		Excess and Deficiency:		
		Surplus Revenue		136,550.29
	$227,736.36			227,736.36

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	$370,000.00	Elementary School Bonds	370,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	8,704.61
		Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	5,370.65
		Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	1,013.75
Trust Funds:			
Cash and Securities	$15,089.01		$15,089.01

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1955

IN MEMORIAM

Hope Waldron Hamilton

1890 — 1955

With deep sorrow the School Committee of the Town of Dighton records the death, on Tuesday, December 27, 1955 of Hope Waldron Hamilton since 1928 a faithful and conscientious teacher of our children.

Mrs. Hamilton devoted her entire life to teaching, having taught since she graduated from Bridgewater Normal School in 1913. Before coming to Dighton to teach she taught in Taunton, Massachusetts and Redlands, California, where she supervised the establishment of the Domestic Science Department. No effort was spared by Mrs. Hamilton in preparing herself for teaching as is evidenced by further courses taken at Pratt Institute and the earning of the Degrees of Bachelor and Master of Science in Education at Bridgewater Teachers College.

Active in the civic and social life of the Town, Mrs. Hamilton was a leader in many of the town's civic and fraternal organizations.

Mindful of her long association with the School Department and her faithful service to the school children of Dighton, the School Committee, on behalf of the townspeople, gratefully records its appreciation of her by adopting the following:

Be it RESOLVED, That we, on behalf of the Citizens of the Town of Dighton, attest to the warmth of personality, effective training and inspiring leadership which Mrs. Hamilton brought to the Citizens of the Town of Dighton and the school children she so faithfully served.

Be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolutions be spread upon the records of the School Committee and incorporated in the Annual Report of the Town Officers for 1955, and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Hamilton's family as a testimonial of our sincere appreciation for her outstanding contribution to the people of Dighton.

DIGHTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Herbert Holt, Chairman 22 Andrews Street, North Dighton	1956
Mrs. Catherine C. Carr, Secretary Briggs Street, North Dighton	1958
Peter R. Tuttle, Financial Secretary Williams Street, North Dighton	1957
Wyman E. Hawkes Segreganset	1958
Lawrence Mendoza Elm Street, Dighton	1957
John Gray 40 Tremont Street, North Dighton	1956

Superintendent

Robert T. Roy, B. S., Ed. M.
Residence: Somerset Avenue, Segreganset
Office: Dighton High School, Segreganset
Telephone: Dighton 4751 (Office)
Dighton 3912 (Home)

Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:30 A. M. - 9:30 A. M.
and by appointment.

Secretary

Gladys P. Babbitt

School Physician

Charles M. Souza, M. D.

School Nurse

Esther Bowden, R. N.

Attendance Supervisor

Howell S. Carr

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary School

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WPEP, Taunton, and over Radio Station WSAR, Fall River.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at Dighton High School unless unforseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing, the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1955 — 1956

DIGHTON

As Approved by the School Committee

Dighton Elementary School

School	opens	September 7, 1955	
	closes	December 23, 1955—	73 days
	opens	January 3, 1956	
	closes	February 17, 1956—	34 days
	opens	February 27, 1956	
	closes	April 13, 1956—	34 days
	opens	April 23, 1956	
	closes	June 8, 1956—	34 days
			175 days

Dighton High School

	opens	September 7, 1955	
	closes	December 23, 1955—	73 days
	opens	January 3, 1956	
	closes	February 17, 1956—	34 days
	opens	February 27, 1956	
	closes	April 13, 1956—	34 days
	opens	April 23, 1956	
	closes	June 20, 1956—	42 days
			183 days

School will close on the following days:

October 12—Columbus Day.
October 28—Teachers' Convention.
November 11—Veterans' Day.
November 24 and 25—Thanksgiving Recess.
March 30—Good Friday.
May 30—Memorial Day.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	$219,098.00

Expenditures

General Control	$ 8,509.09	
Transportation	21,505.52	
Teachers' Salaries	144,897.93	
Books	2,214.63	
Audio-Visual Aids	14.95	
Supplies	3,360.67	
Janitors Supplies	1,526.72	
Fuel	4,817.95	
Electricity	2,905.80	
Gas	532.59	
Water	588.17	
Janitors' Salaries	13,848.13	
Miscellaneous	1,264.86	
Boiler Repairs	395.56	
Repairs	1,262.78	
Health	2,627.50	
New Equipment	2,899.91	
Library, High School	339.49	
Staff Expenses	195.80	
Tuition, Evening Vocational School	239.15	
Vocational Education:		
General Shop	1,773.07	
Household Arts	111.81	
		$215,832.08
Balance—Returned to Town		3,265.92
		$219,098.00

VOCATIONAL PRODUCTION FUND

Appropriation	$2,200.00
Expenditures	1,430.81
Balance on hand	769.19

DENTAL FUND

Appropriation	1,200.00
Expenditures	542.10
Balance on hand	657.90

DOG TAX FUND

Receipts	474.21
Unexpended balance 1954	156.70
Balance on hand	630.91

EXPENDITURES

Elementary School Library	441.92
Balance on hand	188.99

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1955		$215,832.08
Receipts, 1955:		
Chapter 70, General State Aid	$ 41,748.47	
Reimbursement, Superintendent's Salary and Travel	2,443.47	
Reimbursement, Vocational Education	6,019.69	
Transportation	13,313.40	
State Wards and Youth Service	437.58	

Tuition:		
Berkley	14,445.08	
Freetown	13,997.48	
Rehoboth	225.00	
Lakeville	213.00	
Miscellaneous Tuition	275.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	66.33	
Vocational Production Fund Receipts	235.06	
Vocational Receipts	181.96	
Dental Clinic Income	384.91	
Total Receipts, 1955		93,986.43
Net Cost to Town		$121,845.65
Balance returned to Town		$ 3,265.92

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my first annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Dighton. Incorporated herein is the report of the Principals Vocational School Director, the Music Supervisor and the School Nurse. I recommend that you read them so that you may become better acquainted with our program and the people who operate the program. Please feel free to call on any of these people when you have questions concerning their departments.

Personnel

As you know we had almost a complete change in administrative personnel over the summer with Mr. Charles Day, Vocational Director, the only administrator remaining. Mr. Thomas Warren resigned to become Superintendent of Schools in Randolph. Mr. Edward Gillespie who had been with us eight years and Mr. Oliver Collard who had been with us three years left the Dighton Schools. I consider the Dighton School Department and myself very fortunate that they were able to secure Mr. Warren F. Kiernan and Mr. F. Edward Nicolas as school principals. Both of these men are doing a fine piece of work in their schools and are highly respected among educators in Massachusetts.

During the course of the year nine of our regular teachers left for various reasons. We have been fortunate in being able to replace most of them, but to this date we have not found a remedial reading teacher.

On December 27, 1955 death took one of our finest teachers, Mrs. Hope Hamilton, who had been with us for twenty-eight years. Mrs. Hamilton had helped many, many students along the road to success.

While some people are moving on for higher salaries and more responsible positions, I feel our salary schedule at present is in line with most of those in this area. I also

feel that our faculty on the whole is equal to if not superior to most other faculties in the area.

Finance

The budget for 1956 again shows an increase over the previous year. Teachers' salaries and transportation show the greatest increase. All other items have remained about the same. It does seem wise at this time to include an amount in the budget for outside painting of both buildings.

School Population

At present the schools are filled to capacity, but not overcrowded. However, this may not be the case next September. If the entering first grade should be greater than 60, it is probable that we will need 19 regular classrooms and we have only 18 at present in the Elementary School.

With the elimination of a second year of Freetown pupils the High School should be adequate for next year.

At present your regional committee is studying the regional high school with Rehoboth. That committee will probably report at the annual town meeting.

Repairs and Improvements.

It was necessary to increase the capacity of the three phase electric service at the High School. This will prevent an overloading when our fri-o-lators and electric welder are in use.

The usual program of building maintenance was carried on this past summer and the buildings were in excellent condition for the opening of school in the fall.

Some improvements to be considered along with the painting mentioned previously would be more adequate stage lights and improved drainage system at the elementary school. New window shades are needed at the high

school. Some provision for a guidance room should be considered.

On the whole our buildings are in good repair and a constant maintenance program should keep them that way.

Parent Teachers Association

This year the High School as well as the Elementary School has been incorporated in the Parent Teacher Association. With parents and teachers of both high school and elementary pupils working together a better understanding of the problems of each should be gained.

The $100. scholarship fund established by the P. T. A. last year and awarded in June to a deserving senior is an excellent project as well as a similar amount of money given to the elementary school for assembly programs and field trips.

Your P. T. A. program for this year is a good one with speakers from many educational fields presenting their views.

This association can grow to be a very useful part of our school program.

Conclusion

Although I have only been in Dighton four months I do appreciate all the cooperation I have received from parents and school employees. In return I want everyone who wishes to discuss any part of the school program to feel free to call on me at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Mr. Roy:

I submit the following report for 1955:

The annual physical examinations were given to all pupils attending Dighton schools by Dr. Charles M. Souza, school physician. The Massachusetts Vision Test and Pure-tone Audiometer Test were again given. The equipment for this testing is loaned by the Southeastern Health District office. If defects are found the parents of the child are notified regarding the presence of the defect. This is not an attempt to make a diagnosis, but, rather a preventative measure.

The Dental Clinic conducted at the office of Dr. L. C. Murrary in Taunton was completed in June. During the 1954-1955 clinic, four hundred and thirty two pupils were transported with the help of drivers from the Dighton Parent Teachers Association, especially Mr. James Bacon. All dental work was completed for one hundred and fifty two pupils.

The Pre-School Clinic and Registration Day which were combined were held on May 13th. Sixty nine pupils were registered to enter in September 1955 and twenty seven children were vaccinated against smallpox.

Annual "Get Acquainted Day" held at the Dighton Elementary School, again has resulted in a more rapid adjustment to school life by pupils attending this event, than previously experienced.

The services offered at the Bristol County Mental Health Clinic in Taunton were used by our Dighton pupils and have proven most helpful. Assistance with speech

therapy was received from the Cerebral Palsy Clinic in Fall River.

May I again offer my sincere thanks to the entire school personnel, parents and all who helped in making this health program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R. N.,
School Nurse.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my first annual report as Principal of the Dighton High School.

This report shall be prefaced by what is considered to be one of the basic principles of the secondary school. The desirable program is measured by the extent to which it meets the educational needs of all the pupils who attend it. The important word here is all. This means that the good secondary school not only meets the needs of students who intend to continue their education in college but also of students who will go to work immediately after graduation.

Educational Needs

An educational need is something desired or something lacking in a pupil which can be supplied by the school. The responsibility of the secondary school includes the discovery of these needs and the planning of a program to meet them. The following educational needs have been compiled by the State Department of Education for secondary pupils in Massachusetts:

1. Growing Up
2. Profiting from Guidance
3. Preparing for Earning a Living, for Further Education or for Both.
4. Making the most of the Environment
5. Learning to Recognize, Appreciate, and Contribute to Beauty and Good Taste
6. Using Leisure Time Well
7. Achieving Health and Fitness.
8. Become Self-Educating.

Enrollment indicating the distribution of pupils by towns and curricula on October 1, 1955:

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Class	Dighton	Freetown	Berkley	Lakeville	Total
Freshmen	43	2	23		68
Sophomore	33	15	11		59
Junior	23	22	13		58
Senior	34	5	11	1	51
Totals	133	44	58	1	236

Curricula Statistics

Class	College	Commercial	General	Total
Freshmen	26	27	15	68
Sophomore	17	22	20	59
Junior	17	23	18	58
Senior	10	22	19	51
Totals	70	94	72	236

Program of Studies

The program of studies at Dighton High School makes provisions for four distinct courses of study, each of which has specific goals and is designed to meet the individual needs, abilities, and interests of all students. The four courses and a summary of each follows:

1. **College Preparatory Curriculum** — This course prepares the student for college or a nursing or technical school. Because college entrance requirements vary, parents should consult the principal and the guidance director before the student selects his course. Such a consultation should result in a choice of subjects best suited to satisfy the individuals particular needs for college preparation.

2. **Commercial Curriculum** — This course is recommended particularly for those who wish training for office or clerical work and who generally do not plan to continue in a higher institution. Those electing this curriculum should bear in mind that several of the subjects require certain specific skills and aptitudes not possessed by all individuals.

3. **General Curriculum** — This course is intended for those students who do not plan to go to college and who do not wish the specialized training that is offered in the commercial and vocational curriculums. It is designed to provide a background of subjects, which, when combined with the various extra-curricula activities, will prepare pupils to live as active, well-informed, and intelligent citizens.

4. **Vocational Curriculum** — This course is designed to give the boys who select it general and specific skills in machine work, automobile repairing and woodworking. The students in this area spend a minimum of three hours daily in the shop and are required to complete satisfactorily related academic

subjects which fulfill the same graduation requirements as in any of the other courses.

The subject matter presented in the High School program of studies has been changed from a six period day to a seven period day. Colleges require 200 minutes per week in major subject areas plus recommending two periods of physical education as prescribed by the State. In order to fulfill these requirements for the present school year a change in the daily schedule was inevitable. A survey of schedules in thirty high schools of southeastern Massachusetts indicated that a seven period day is widely used, educationally acceptable, and the most suitable answer to our scheduling problem at the High School.

Curriculum

An inclusive definition of curriculum would make reference not only to subject matter but to all other student activities and experiences which the school may direct. Elsewhere in this report, I referred to a program of studies which, in definition is limited to school subjects. The curriculum is the plan by which the social, vocational, and academic objectives of a school may be accomplished. The task of selecting, organizing, evaluating, and presenting the actual curriculum is the responsibility of all the faculty members. Curriculum-making is a never-ending process. It must keep pace with the demands of the community and the needs of students it serves. The following staff members have been designated as chairman for the curriculum areas listed below:

Mathematics—Mrs. Eleanor Smith
Social Studies—Mr. Francis Vitale
Commercial—Mrs. Helena Kennedy
English—Mr. Carleton McCauley
Languages—Mrs. Louise Ring
Home Economics—Miss Hope Pontes
Science—Mr. George Weygand

Vocational—Mr. Charles Day
Physical Education—Mrs. Carol Angus and Mr. Richard Dias
Extra-Curricula Activities—Mr. Warren Kiernan

Professional research, personal evaluation and committee recommendations will be presented at appointed dates to the staff by the chairman of the individual areas throughout the course of the school year.

Public School Relations

Public school relations refers specifically to that activity in school administration which endeavors to establish an agreeable relationship between the schools and the public which the schools serve. The major objective of public school relations is to keep the people informed concerning the purposes, accomplishments, conditions and needs of the school. This report itself is one way in which this activity is carried out. The agencies of the public relations program can be divided into four major groups namely, (1) written, (2) visual, (3) oral; and (4) social. These groups are continually used by the Dighton public schools in presenting the educational program to the community. Newspaper reports, student publications, P. T. A. programs, school bulletins, report cards, commencement, and open house are particularly significant in bringing about a closer cooperation of the home, school, and the community. Open house is held in conjunction with American Education Week in November of each year. American Education Week has been observed annually throughout the nation for the past 35 years. The National Education Association recommends strongly that good public school relations can be obtained through the medium of open house. Our program was well received this year and we are making extensive plans for 1956.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to the

building personnel, the student body and the staff for their cooperation and fine support extended to me this year.

May I also express my personal thanks to you and the members of the School Committee for your interest and work in the evaluation and coordination of the school program.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN F. KIERNAN,
Principal.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Robert Roy, Superintendent of Schools:

It is a distinct pleasure to submit herewith my first annual report as principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

I. Enrollment

At the opening of school in September a total of 523 pupils were present. The peak enrollment for the year was 551.

II. The School Staff

The faculty and students have shown a wonderful spirit of co-operation and an outstanding ability to adjust themselves to a challenging situation.

There have been four replacements to the teaching staff at the school this year. Mr. Francis Lussier replacing Mr. George Pauley, Mrs. Marie Snyder replacing Miss Martha Mannion, Mr. Frederick Arata replacing Mrs. Marjorie Holmes, and Miss Nancy Regan replacing Mr. Roy Farnsworth. We are still searching for a remedial reading teacher

to replace Mrs. McCarthy who left during the summer months.

We welcome these four new members to our staff and appreciate the many contributions which they have already made to our school.

III. Curriculum.

Into the elementary schools come the raw materials of our democracy. Here these children, the bright, the dull, the timid, the forward, every kind from every manner of home and background, meet as a member of a distinct social group. Their experiences in this group will influence, for better or worse, their lifelong attitudes and ideas regarding ways of living and working together in a democratic society. From their experiences here, also, they are to acquire the skills, the knowledge, the loyalties, the common understanding which are essential both for the unity and stability of society, and for self-respecting competence and responsibility as individual citizens. Out of the needs of children and the community are developed the purposes of the elementary school. The full purposes of elementary education can be achieved only in a school where there is willing participation and increasing self-direction.

Adolescent youth needs also experiences which will develop his capacities for self expression and leadership. Opportunities must be present in his school life to meet his individual needs, interests and abilities.

With this philosophy in mind, we have attempted to offer the pupils of this school a well-rounded program which will promote their intellectual, emotional and physical growth and in addition provide experiences in democratic living.

IV. Physical Education

Our facilities for an active physical education program are being utilized to a maximum. Both our boys and girls

are receiving instruction in personal hygiene and in the fundamentals of the various sports offered in the area.

The junior high boys have formed a basketball team and under the capable leadership of Mr. Lussier have entered into a Junior High Basketball League. Our team will play at least five home games. In our over-all sports program at the school we are encouraging "Gentlemen first, sportsmen second."

V. Household Arts

We are fortunate again this year to have our girls at the junior high level receiving instruction in the domestic arts.

This part of the curriculum is operating due to the co-operation of the High School Principal and the Home Economics Teacher.

VI. Dighton Parent-Teacher Association

The activities of the P. T. A. have continued and membership increased under the able direction of its officers:

President—Mr. DeSilva
Vice President—Mr. Day
Secretary—Mrs. Sloan
Treasurer—Mrs. Andrews

The program committee of the P. T. A. has provided a series of outstanding meetings and interesting speakers. An invitation is extended to all parents and interested citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to work with the educators of the school in continuing the services which our schools offer to the youth of our community.

VII. Guidance Service

This year, as in the past, the principal and members of the faculty have offered both a professional and human approach toward the problems of our students.

Through meetings and discussions with the staff, problems are brought to light and through a co-operative attitude solutions are found.

A testing program has been instituted and through analysis and conferences we are able to provide an objective approach toward academic difficulties.

VIII. Miscellany

This year a Club Program has been instituted at the Junior High level. In this modern age it is the responsibility of the school as well as the home to develop the proper use of leisure time. A club program not only helps develop hobbies but also offers the exploration of new fields of interest. Through this type of activity the students learn to take a share in the responsibility for the functioning of their school. In all, six clubs were inaugurated: Crafts, Glee, Visual Aids, Red Cross, Library and Journalism. The Journalism club has the entire responsibility for the preparation and publication of the school paper "The Post." The Library Club has organized and is cataloguing the books in the library. Student librarians open the library during the day, making the maximum use of these facilities available to the students of all grades.

As a practical lesson in democratic procedure and in order to develop responsibility and leadership a Student Council was organized in October. Two representatives from each Junior High room were elected to serve their classmates. All student activities and programs are executed or sponsored by the Student Council. The Student Council works closely with the principal and the staff in helping to develop school policy.

The Elementary School Cafeteria under the capable direction of Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt has increased its services to our school. The quality and quantity of dinners served to our pupils has steadily improved. Our apprecia-

tion is expressed to Mrs. Bettencourt and her co-workers for a difficult job being well done.

The task of the custodians in a building this size is a difficult one. Mr. Pilling and Mr. Mello have contributed much to the success of our school plant. The demand on their time and effort through the combined use of the building as an educational plant and a public auditorium makes it increasingly evident that a part-time addition to the janitorial staff is apparent.

IX. Conclusion

May I express my gratitude to the officials of the community, the faculty and the student body for the enthusiastic reception of the program offered in our schools. I wish, too, to thank Mr. Robert Roy, the Superintendent of Schools for his suggestions and support as well as that of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. EDWARD NICOLAS,
Principal.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Mr. Roy:

I submit the following report for 1955:

Music instruction in the elementary school consisted of weekly classroom visits in which all the problems and basic fundamentals of classroom teaching were considered. The same system of rote teaching in grades one and two and note reading in grades three through eight were taught. Special attention to the "uncertain" singer was also given so that this problem is quite non-existant at present.

The vocal work of the children in the grades has been highly satisfactory and much enthusiasm is reflected in the work accomplished by each class. Because of this fine work and keen enthusiasm for music an Elementary Chorus of grades four, five and six was organized. This chorus did fine work at its first public appearance on December 19, at which time a Christmas Program of music and an Operetta were presented. In this program practically all the children from grades one through eight participated with some very fine results.

Free instrumental class instruction is still given to all pupils interested in learning to play an instrument. These classes are offered to beginning, intermediate and advance students so that each may progress at his or her own level of achievement. Forty-five to fifty new beginning students began study on the various instruments this past year. These students when ready will enter the school band and orchestra.

Due to a lack of interest in the violin, Dr. George Bornoff, an expert on violin instruction and chairman of the String Department at Boston University College of Music, was called in to create interest in the violin and help organize a special class using his method and approach to violin instruction. With his help and cooperation twelve beginning students were started on lessons for which a special teacher on the violin was hired. To pay the cost of hiring this specialist a fee of $15.00 was charged each pupil participating in the course. The $15.00 charge, however, is only for one semester so that an additional $15.00 charge has to be paid for the second semester or second half year's lessons. I am happy to relate that this program has proven very successful to date and in time is expected to produce some very fine violinists which are vitally needed in our school orchestras. It is hoped that many more pupils will be brought into this program of instruction not only on the violin but for cello instruction as well. So far we have no cellos in our school orchestras.

The instrumental and vocal organizations in the high school have had a busy but successful year also. All our musical groups performed in a concert at the Bristol County Agricultural School in March and in the Spring Concert on May 6th. These same musical groups participated in the Eastern Mass. Music Festival in Mansfield on May 14th. At all these events exceptional work and talent were exhibited.

During football season the high school band, majorettes, and cheer leaders performed letters and put on halftime shows at all the games. For their part in these games school letters and other awards will be presented at the annual football banquet on January 7, 1956.

The past year has been one of fruitful experiences musically and educationally. These experiences are necessary if we are to give our students the best education possible. One of our problems in teaching music is the lack of adequate time, space and teaching facilities in our schools. Something should be done to provide better teaching quarters for instrumental classes in the elementary school. Present music classes have been and still are being taught in a storage room with insufficient light, space and ventilation. Under these conditions adequate work cannot be accomplished.

Another important problem is the ever expanding music program which is stretching too far beyond the abilities of one music teacher to cope with. Both the vocal and the instrumental programs have grown quite rapidly these past years. In the opinion of this supervisor this growth and expansion of the work of the music program is such that soon it will be necessary to hire an assistant or part-time music teacher to handle this extra teaching load. At present the work of the music teacher is spread out too far and too thin. This kind of teaching arrangement is not giving our students the kind of music instruction they should be receiving. As a result students only too often miss a music lesson when the assistance of the music director is needed in both schools

at one time. It is the recommendation of this supervisor to hire an assistant or a part-time music teacher in the elementary, thus allowing the supervisor to work out a program of instruction which would permit more time being given to the high school music program and to the instrumental work of the elementary school.

In conclusion I wish to thank all who have contributed toward the success of the music program for 1955. I shall look forward to the same fine spirit of cooperation and assistance as was rendered by both the faculty and the administration in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. KAHN,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIGHTON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Director of the Dighton Vocational School.

To evaluate the success of our vocational program, I feel it necessary to outline many of the types of employment in which our graduates are engaged. This summary is from 1946 to 1955.

One of our students has moved to Coral Gables, Florida, and is earning more than $100.00 a week doing automotive body repair work. Another graduate of 1946 has his own garage on Route 44 in Taunton, and has five mechanics in his employ. As a United States Army Officer, another graduate has charge of a large automotive depot in Virginia. Standard Coil in North Dighton employs a former student as a tool

and die maker. The Town of Berkley has one graduate as their Road Superintendent, and another young man builds houses in that locality. Mone's Dodge-Plymouth Agency considers one of our former students a superior mechanic. Modern Store Fixture Company of Providence, Rhode Island has in its employ a cabinet maker, a former member of our woodworking department. In the carpentry department of General Electric in Taunton is one of our boys who has been there for seven years. We have a recent graduate working in Attleboro as a carpenter. A local Ford Agency is paying an excellent salary to a vocational boy. Grossman Company has a 1954 graduate in the wood department at $1.65 per hour. This year, Standard Coil's drafting department, General Bronze wood maintenance shop, and Walter Williams' Ford Agency have three of our former students, and are extremely pleased with their work.

These are but a few of our successful graduates, but I think you will agree, that through vocational education, this group of young people are today well-placed and useful citizens.

In June, 1955, twenty-three boys received High School Diplomas, eight of whom were vocational students. Twenty-seven boys will graduate in June, 1956, and eleven of them will be from the Vocational School.

Much is being said and done about curriculum changes in secondary education. Our course of study is continually changing to meet the needs of industry. The Advisory Board and employers stress the importance of attitudes and personality development. Therefore, we are continuing to emphasize the value of these qualities.

We are extremely grateful to the Department of Vocational Education for giving us a brake drum lathe, a Lincoln D C welder, two complete carpenters' chests of tools, plus many other small hand tools too numerous to mention.

The evaluation of our Vocational Program by the School Building Needs Committee is very encouraging.

In 1956, Massachusetts will celebrate fifty years of Vocational Education. Our state is a leader in this important field, and consequently, many states pattern their programs in a like manner. Dighton Vocational School will participate in the celebration of this event by sending displays to Springfield, Massachusetts.

May I express my sincere appreciation to the townspeople for their keen interest, to you, for your excellent advise and cooperation, and to your committee for formulating policies that are in the best interest of our students.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES T. DAY,
Director.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Class	Dighton	Freetown	Berkley	Rehoboth	Totals
Freshmen	10	5	4		19
Sophomores	8	6	1		15
Juniors	3	3	3		9
Seniors	6	1	3	1	11
Totals	27	15	11	1	54

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Dighton High School

High School Auditorium, June 17, 1955

PROGRAM

Overture—"Three Gates of Gold" Frankiser
Orchestra

Processional March—
"Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar
Orchestra

Invocation—Rev. S. Howard Davidson
Methodist Church, Myricks and Dighton

Welcome—
Wallace Wood
President of Class

Trumpet Solo—"Jealousie" Gade
David French

Student Address—
"So Little Done, So Much to Do"
Barbara Jose

Student Address—
"Transition"
William Melesky

Selection—"The Happy Wanderer" Moller
Senior Class

Address—"The Open Road"
Mr. Robert S. Illingworth
Professor of Speech and Drama, Clark University

Presentation of Awards—

Edward H. Gillespie
Principal

Rensselaer Polytechnic Medal
Balfour Honor Award
Danforth Award
John Charves Awards
Grossman Vocational Achievement
Woodworking Award
Commercial Award
Bion L. Pierce Awards
Arion Award
Cpl. John Dutra Memorial Award
Scholarship Awards

Clarinet Duet.—"Indian Love Call" Friml

Joanne Smith — Jean Ashley

Presentation of Diplomas—

Herbert Holt
Chairman of Dighton School Committee

Selection—

"The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

Senior Class

Benediction—

Rev. Thomas F. Walsh
St. Joseph's Church, North Dighton

Recessional March—

"School Spirit" Raymond

Orchestra

William H. Kahn
Supervisor of Music

Accompanist — Judith Atwood

CLASS OF 1955

Bette Jean Adams
Richard Joseph Andrade
*Jean Frances Ashley
Guire Babbitt
*Peter A. Baker
Silvenia Ann Bettencourt
Sarah Jane Bindon
*Diane Glanice Boucher
Manuel Anthony Correia
*Lorraine Donna Costa
Lucille Carol Costa
Kenneth William Cummings
*Vivian Jean Evangelho
David Alan French
*Hartley S. Gurney
Roberta Ann Hartshorn
Allen B. Hay
Maynard Franklin Horton, Jr.
**Barbara Ann Jose
Jean Eileen LaFrance
Richard Arnold Lassen
Janet Lefaivre
John Edward Martin
Janice Lefaivre
Ruth Aylward McCracken
**William Michael Melesky
*Mary Jane Mello
*Alberta Motta
Joyce E. Nutbrown
Maryann Oakes
Edward Francis O'Connell
Peter R. Ouellette, Jr.
Mae Althea Packard
Mary Anne Paiva
David Paul Phillips
Harriet Jean Pina
Elaine Agnes Pine
Richard F. Rodier
Cecelia Mary Rosario
Janet Rose
Henrietta Janet Santos
Robert Benjamin Sherman
*Robert Franklin Silvia
Sarah Ann Silvia
*Joan Bernadette Slivinski
**Joanne Edna Smith
*Joyce Beatrice Soares
Manuel S. Souza
Joyce Elizabeth Stanford
Patricia Jean Stetson
Ronald Roger Tetreault
Edward L. Torres
*Elizabeth Joan Torres
Robert Charles Torres
Barbara-Jean Vickers
Nancy Kim Wickham
**Claudia Ellen Wilson
Shirley Mae Wing
**Wallace Alexander Wood

**First Honors—An average of A for four years.
*Second Honors—An average of B to A for four years.

Class Officers

Wallace Wood ..... President
Robert Silvia ..... Vice-President
Alberta Motta ..... Treasurer
Elizabeth Torres ..... Secretary

Class Motto:

"So Little Done, So Much to Do"

Class Advisor: Leo P. DeMarco

Dighton School Committee

Herbert Holt, Chairman — Mrs. James Carr, Secretary
Peter R. Tuttle, Financial Secretary
Wyman E. Hawkes — Lawrence Mendoza
John Gray

Thomas L. Warren, Superintendent of Schools

ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOLS

October 1, 1955

Dighton High School	236	
Dighton Vocational School	52	
Dighton Elementary School	546	
	——	834

Tuition Pupils—Dighton High School:

High School

Berkley	58	
Freetown	44	
Lakeville	1	

Vocational

Berkley	11	
Freetown	14	
Rehoboth	1	
	——	129

Net Total Enrollment—Dighton Pupils 705

GRADUATION EXERCISES

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

June 8, 1955

Overture— Walters

School Orchestra

Processional—

Invocation—

Rev. Francis A. McCarthy, Pastor
St. Peter's Church

"One Nation Under God"

Choral Reading

Selection—

"Send Out Thy Light" Gounod

Greetings—

Paul Martin

FREEDOM, OUR HERITAGE

Freedoms of the U. S.

Sheila Rogers

Educational Opportunities in the U. S.

Deborah Hopkins

Selection—

"To Thee O Country" Eichberg

FREEDOM, OUR HERITAGE

Educational Opportunities of a Free World

Virginia Pratt

Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

Marilyn Hathaway

Responsibilities of a Citizen in Our Democracy

Judith Harris

Trumpet Trio—

Ronald Pine Kenneth Rubadou

Richard Bragga

Presentation of Diplomas—

Wyman E. Hawkes

Member, Dighton School Committee

Selection—

Class Song

Paul Bliss

Benediction—

Rev. Manuel A. Oliveira

Dighton Baptist Church

Recessional—

William H. Kahn, Music Supervisor

Thomas L. Warren, Superintendent of Schools

GRADUATES

Mary Lou Benevides
Ronald Eastman Boyce
Richard Allen Bragga
Cynthia Ann Broadbent
Harriet Bulotsky
Wendell Louis Hall Carr
Robert A. Cain
Beth Maria Cambra
Sheila Marie Donlon
Shirley Ann Duarte
William E. Dunham
Lorna Alison Eddy
William Livingston Donle, Jr.
Judith Ann Fisher
Carol I. Gillespie
Wallace E. Gonsalves, Jr.
John Gray, Jr.
Judith Ann Harris
Marilyn Sybil Hathaway
Deborah May Hopkins
Judith Ann Mason
Ralph E. Leach
Sandra LeForrest
Helen Marques
Edith Mary Leonard
Barbara Ann Medeiros
Marjorie Elizabeth Jack
Miriam Celeste Linden
Paul Raymond Martin
Virginia Paula Marie Menard
J. Roy Menard
Frances Jannette Mosher
Ronald David Pine
William A. Rasmussen, Jr.
Richard Mann Read
Leonard Francis Reed
Sheila Ann Rogers
Kenneth G. Rubadou
Nancy Elizabeth O'Connell
Virginia Elizabeth Pratt
William E. Sherman
Marilyn Janet Silvia
Raymond Peter Simmons
G. Elliott Spinney, Jr.
Ruth Ann Stafford
Barbara Ann Sullivan
Benjamin Thorpe
John E. Torres
Edna May Wordell

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1955
Dighton Schools

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total Bldg.
F. Edward Nicolas, Principal													
Teachers:													
Dorothy B. Bagley	27												
Jessie H. Bradley	26												
Doris M. Ferreira	26												
Olive W. Crawford		27											
Jacqueline C. Booth		25											
Margaret F. Harrington		26											
Rose E. Borges			32										
Helen M. Simmons			33										
Lena W. Cowell				35									
Anne M. Phillips				33									
Marie E. Snyder					33								
Helen C. Turner					35								
Frederick J. Arata						29							
Nancy C. Regan						30							
Hope W. Hamilton							36						
Albert N. Genovese							36						
Arthur M. Chase								28					28
Francis R. Lussier								29					29
Total Elementary School													546

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL	68	59	58	51	236
DIGHTON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	16	15	10	11	52

Total Enrollment in Dighton Schools	834
Number attending Private Schools	38

AGE—GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1955

Grade	Age 5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Totals
1	12	62	4	1											79
2		16	48	11	3										78
3			7	50	5	3									65
4				11	48	8	1								68
5					12	40	11	5							68
6						11	32	13	2	1					59
7							13	47	10	2					72
8								16	26	10	4	1			57
9									18	48	14	4			*84
10										15	50	5	4		*74
11											11	47	9	1	*68
12											1	14	44	3	*62
	12	78	59	73	68	62	57	81	56	76	80	71	57	4	834

*Includes Tuition Students

DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY — DECEMBER 31, 1955

Dighton High School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Warren F. Kiernan, M.Ed.	School St., No. Dighton	Boston University	1955
Vice-Principal			
Leo P. DeMarco, M.Ed.	9 East Britannia St., Taunton	Fordham Univ., Boston Univ.	1946
Faculty			
Carol T. Angus, B.S. in Ed.	30 Briggs St., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1953
Richard L. Dias, B.S. in Ed.	Meadow Lane, Assonet	Arnold College of Science	1952
Helena M. Kennedy, M.A.	175 Highland St., Taunton	Simmons College, Boston Univ.	1953
Carleton F. McCauley, B.S. in Ed.	Mill St., Myricks	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1953
Robert M. Ponte, B.S. in Ed.	141 Elizabeth St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1955
Hope L. Pontes, B.S. in Ed.	25 Marvel St., Swansea	Framingham State Teachers College	1955
Louise W. Wing, B.A.	Elm St., Berkley	Boston University, College Lib. Arts	1955
Walter R. Scanlon, M.Ed.	10 Greylock Ave., Taunton	Providence College, Bridgewater Teachers' College	1950
Eleanor S. Smith, B.S. in Ed.	Williams St., No. Dighton	Suffolk University	1924
Francis R. Vitale, M.Ed.	365 Somerset Ave., Taunton	Boston University	1951
George A. Weygand, B.S. in Ed.	79 Van Buren St., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1953

Vocational School

Director			
Charles F. Day	Walker St., No. Dighton	Fitchburg Teachers' College	1943
Paul W. Couture, M.S. in Ed.	Simpson Lane, Assonet	Providence College, Bridgewater Teachers' College	1953
Charles C. O'Connell	302 Washington St., Taunton	Taunton High School Fitchburg Teachers' College	1944
High School Office Secretary			
Thelma C. Spinney	29 Summer St., No. Dighton		
Cafeteria Personnel			
Aldea G. Gagner, Head Cook	50 South St., Taunton		
Annie G. Davis, Assistant	Main St., Dighton		

Dighton Elementary School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Principal			
F. Edward Nicolas, Ed. M.A.	Center St., Segreganset	Suffolk University	1955
Faculty			
Frederick J. Arata, B.S., B.A.	31 Standard St., Mattapan	Boston College	1955
Dorothy B. Bagley	54 Coral St., Fall River	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1948
Jacqueline C. Booth, B.S. in Ed.	154 Dighton Ave., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1954
Rose E. Borges, M.Ed.	6 Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1927
Jessie H. Bradley, B.A.	Berkley St., Berkley	Wellesley College Bridgewater Teachers' College	1954
Arthur M. Chace, B.S. in Ed.	312 Wood St., Swansea	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1953
Lena W. Cowell, B.S. in Ed.	198 Bourne Ave., Somerset	Calvin Coolidge College	1921
Olive W. Crawford	411 Prospect St., Fall River	Calvin Coolidge College	1947
Doris M. Ferreira, B.S. in Ed.	490 Woodman St., Fall River	Perry Normal	1949
Albert N. Genovese, M.S. in Ed.	243 High St., Taunton	University of Bridgeport	1953
Hope W. Hamilton, M.Ed.	Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1928
Margaret F. Harrington	233 Whipple St., Fall River	Framingham Teachers' College	1946
Francis R. Lussier, A.B.	118 Shawomet Ave., Somerset	Providence College	1955
Anne M. Phillips	59 Freedom St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1948
Nancy C. Regan, A.B.	26 Highland Terrace, Taunton	Regis College	1955
Helen M. Simmons	4 Avon St., Somerset	Thibodeau Business College	1922
Marie E. Snyder, B.S. Ed., M.Ed.	2 Buxton Ave., Somerset	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1955
Helen C. Turner	117 School St., No. Dighton	Framingham Normal School	1946

Music Supervisor (High and Elementary)

William H. Kahn, M.Mus.	6 Parkwood Terrace Jamaica Plain	Boston University	1954

Elementary School Office Secretary

Hannah E. Lassen	17 Pleasant St., Dighton

Cafeteria

Alfrena Bettencourt, Head Cook	211 School Street, No. Dighton
Grace B. French, Assistant	Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton
Louise G. Gomes, Assistant	Hart St., Dighton
Bertha R. Stafford, Assistant	Somerset Ave., Segreganset

Custodians

Name	Home Address	School	App'd
Howell S. Carr	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton High School	1942
Charles R. Leonard	Center St., No. Dighton	Dighton High School	1952
John P. Pilling	Center St., No. Dighton	Dighton Elementary School	1952
Manuel A. Mello	Center St., No. Dighton	Dighton Elementary School	1952

Personnel Changes

Teacher	Position	Date of Resignation	Reason
Edward H. Gillespie	Principal, Dighton High	June 16, 1955	Principal, Bedford High
Mary P. Bliss	Languages, Dighton High	June 16, 1955	At Home
Gloria R. Davis	English, Dighton High	December 31, 1954	Teaching elsewhere
Edith C. Smiley	H. H. Arts, Dighton High	December 31, 1954	At home
Oliver J. Collard	Principal, Dighton Elementary	Terminated June 1955	
Roy L. Farnsworth	English, Elementary	May 27, 1955	Resuming studies
Hope W. Hamilton	English, Elementary	Deceased, December 27, 1955	
Marjorie P. Holmes	Grade 5, Dighton Elementary	June 10, 1955	At Home
Martha Mannion	Grade 5, Dighton Elementary	June 10, 1955	Teaching elsewhere
George R. Pauley, Jr.	Math. Dighton Elementary	June 10, 1955	Teaching in Quincy
C. Claudia McCarthy	Remedial Reading, Dighton Elementary	June 10, 1955	Teaching in Cooperstown, New York

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